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Bruce Moffatt and his family cope with stroke's aftermath. Feature page 10.

IN BRIEF

Someone in Stanhope had a party at the Algonquin Highlands township office but didn't bother to be invited first.

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IN QUOTES

"Quite frankly, I'm tired of these allegations that are unsubstantiated. They need to be supported."

Lorne Mitchell
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Bear-safe dumps blamed for increase in bear sightings

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

For the second summer in a row, residents of the Halls Lake area are receiving house visits from unwanted guests.

Black bears, hungry ones, have been roaming area properties for the past couple of months in search of food.

There have been numerous bear sightings since the spring and the animals' presence is putting a number of people on edge.

Kathy Ward, who lives along the lake's north shore, had a bear break into her home late last month.

"It had to be when I was out," Ward said, recalling the incident.

On the night of June 30, she'd been at a friend's house for dinner and returned home about 10:15 p.m.

Ward said she went immediately to bed and in the morning when she entered a small pantry at the back of her home, she found ripped open food packages all over the floor.

She said the animal's feast had consisted of coffee, macaroni and popcorn.

see THREE BEAR FAMILIES page 8



Chad Ingram/TIMES

Ouch!

The Muskoka Wildlife Centre introduced a number of woodland creatures to attendees of last weekend's Stanhope Heritage Day. Here, employee Krystal Hewitt presents Thistle, the porcupine, to the crowd. More photos are on pages 18 and 19.

Reeve and CAO fight back over runway

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The reeve and chief administrative officer for Algonquin Highlands say they are getting fed up with what they call unsubstan-

tiated allegations from the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lake Area Property Owners' Association over the expansion project at the Stanhope Airport.

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Council says no to Glengarrian Resort's request

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Councillors for Algonquin Highlands denied a request from the owners of Halls Lake's Glengarrian Resort to divide that property into two lots at a meeting on July 16.

It was third time that request has been turned down by various councils, the last time being in 2006.

While the owners were requesting the 1.19-acre property be divided in two lots and said they would be willing to see the zoning change from commercial to residential, councillors expressed concern that this would mean one of the lots would not meet the minimum frontage and minimum area requirements laid out in the township's official plan.



A void has been found in the abutment wall of the Buckslide bridge.

Hole may have started the Buckslide bridge problem

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The bill for the renovation of Buckslide Bridge may get much higher if workers are unable to stop water flowing through holes in the bridge west of Halls Lake.

The renovation project, which will install a new deck on the bridge's existing alignment, is Algonquin Highlands's largest capital project for the year and \$690,000 was relegated for its completion in the 2009 budget.

While work on the project began in May, at a meeting last week councillors reviewed an email from project manager Matt MacDonald, which contained some potentially bad news.

In his email, MacDonald wrote that two voids have been discovered in the bridge.

"This larger void appear to 600 to 700 millimetres wide a height of 200 to 250 millimetres," the email reads. "Needless to say, there is a substantial amount of water coming through this void. We were unable to obtain an accurate measurement due to the force of water coming

out of the wall."

MacDonald said that struts were installed to brace the wall, but warned that more voids could be discovered as the excavation required to get to the bedrock continues.

"It appears that this void likely contributed to the condition of the south abutment wall on the bridge as water has been running through the core wall and out through the abutment for some time."

Since the Buckslide Bridge is a combined bridge and dam and the dam is the property of Parks Canada, MacDonald said he would require some direction from Parks Canada as to how to proceed with the project.

Along with Parks Canada, councillors also resolved to inform MP Barry Devolin about the issues with the renovation.

"That way he's not being kept in the dark," Reeve Eleanor Harrison said.

The township's operations manager, Brian Whetstone, said the void could drastically increase the cost of the project.

"If we can't stem flow, bad news," Whetstone said.

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Beautiful garden

Minden and District Horticultural Society member Linda Pentney tends to one of her many gardens as she prepares for Minden's annual Flower Show, which will take place at the Minden Hills Community Centre on July 24 and 25. Open ceremonies will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Photo by Chad Ingram



No such thing as a free lunch or consult

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The construction of a new tennis court, ice rink and pavilion outside the Stanhope Firefighters Community Centre could be a little delayed after the man who volunteered to head up the project for free informed Algonquin Highlands councillors last week said that he would like to be paid for his services.

When tennis enthusiast John Ashworth approached councillors in the spring, he volunteered to look after applying for grants for the construction of a third tennis court at the site and to manage the project.

Since then the vision for the project has grown to include an ice rink and public pavilion for the property.

At a meeting on July 17, Ashworth told councillors that he had been successful in obtaining a grant from the provincial and federal governments for \$222,000.

To obtain this grant, the township must chip in \$111,000 and it has \$50,000 in its recreation fund it is willing to contribute to the project.

Ashworth, a leisure consultant, said at last week's meeting he'd be willing to continue heading up the project for a fee of \$100 an hour, 75 per cent of which he would donate back to the township to make up its additional \$61,000 in funding.

Councillor Carol Moffatt noted that when Ashworth had initially approached council, it had been as a volunteer. She wondered why the township was now being asked to enter into a contract with his company.

"Can you explain why we have to do that?" Moffatt asked.

"You don't," Ashworth said, but added that the project had gotten unforeseeably large in scope and the time he was dedicating to it was taking time away from paying work.

"I'm basically proposing to do this at a very low rate, to be precise at \$25 an hour."

Ashworth has said he would be willing to manage every aspect of the project so that it puts no additional work on the shoulders of township staff.

Moffatt said that if Ashworth was going to be paid by

the township, then legally management of the project would have to go out for tender first, in keeping with the township's purchasing policy.

"If you want to tender it, by all means," Ashworth said, but stressed again that his rate was very low and that work on the project needed to start immediately if the township wanted to have a new ice rink installed for this winter.

"We need to start, like now," he said.

Councillors agreed that the project is a good one and expressed their thanks to Ashcroft for taking the initiative to lead it.

However, Reeve Eleanor Harrison said councillors had no choice but to wait and put the project out for tender, even though she said that it's extremely likely that Ashworth will be the winning bidder.

"I think it's our policy that's going to kill us," Harrison said.

Councillors resolved to hold a special meeting of council after the tender period is over since the next regular scheduled meeting of council is not until late next month.

Harvey Avenue resident proposes road realignment

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A Harvey Avenue resident says he is willing to deed part of his property to Algonquin Highlands if the township is willing to construct a boulder barrier that will prevent continuing erosion of his property.

Garth Greenway inherited his property from his parents and said erosion stemming from a sharp curve in Harvey Avenue has slowly but surely been decreasing the size of the property.

"It has always been an issue with my family," Greenway told councillors.

A planning document Greenway had drawn up shows that a portion of the road already, and has for years, sits on his property.

Township chief administrative officer Lorne Mitchell spoke up and said that both the Municipal Act and the Statute of Limitations gave the township "implied dedication" or assumed ownership over that corner of Greenway's property, since the road had existed there

for decades and no one had complained.

However, and there was confusion over this, Greenway is offering to give even more of his property to the township, enough so that the municipality could realign the road to rid it of the sharp curve, if the township, in return, will build a barrier of large rocks along the property to prevent future erosion.

"Otherwise, there's no end to what's happened over the years," Greenway said. "There is no end to the encroachment or the erosion."

At first, councillors thought Greenway was saying he would trade them the corner of the property where the road already exists and which the township already claims ownership over.

"I don't see the need for it," Councillor Tom Gardner said.

There was also some question of whether taking Greenway's offer was fair to other property owners.

"Your road is not the only one in Algonquin Highlands we have similar problems on," Reeve Eleanor Harrison told Greenway.

However, when councillors realized Greenway meant to give an additional portion of his property to the municipality, councillors said they would be willing to discuss it further at a later meeting. Harrison told Greenway he probably should have made a delegation to council, so that his proposal could have been more clearly understood.

"I think we need a little more information," Harrison said.

Apparently some trees along the sharp curve have been clipped by snowplows during the winter and Councillor Don Shortreed said he was all for the idea since he feels it gives the township an opportunity to make the road safer.

"[Taking Greenway's suggestion] is going to make that corner a lot better," Shortreed said.

However, the township's operations manager, Brian Whetstone, said he wasn't sure that realigning the corner would have that big of an effect on snowplowing operations.



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OPP working on Boshkung break-ins

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A recent string of break-ins dominated discussions at the Boshkung Lake Property Owners Association's annual general meeting last weekend.

About 100 members attended the meeting, held July 18 at the Stanhope Firefighters Community Centre.

Since May there have been 30 break-and-enters in Algonquin Highlands, many occurring on roads around Boshkung Lake, with intruders robbing homes and destroying property.

So when Sgt. Mike Landry of the Haliburton Highlands OPP made an appearance at last weekend's meeting, association members wanted to know what the police were doing about the break-ins and why, in some cases, it seems to take officers so long to respond to calls.

"We do not work for alarm companies," Landry told the crowd. "We respond to alarm companies."

Since it's quite possible that officers are tied up at the time of break-and-enter calls, Landry said it's important for seasonal residents to have someone they trust as key holder in the area, since that person may be able to respond to incidents of theft or vandalism before police can get there.

"If you don't see us for a while, it's because we're busy," he said.

Landry said that the unpredictable nature of break-ins can sometimes make them difficult to respond to.

"On any given day, when you don't expect that kind of thing, it happens," he said.

Landry also recommended that homeowners look into the possibility of installing security systems.

"If they want to get in, they're going to get in," he said. "If you can slow them down, it helps."

One man wanted to know if anyone had been successfully apprehended or prosecuted in connection with the Boshkung break-ins.

"We'll go a long time without catching anybody [with regards to break-ins]," Landry responded.

However, he said that in most cases, when there are a string of break-ins in a given area, it tends to be a single individual or small group that is responsible for all the criminal activity.

Landry said the police have some leads with regards to the break-ins and are still working on the case.

"We're still sort of a few steps behind these people," he said.

Landry also said that in most break-in cases, the perpetrators are local residents.

Dennis McKee, of McKee Security and Telephone Systems, also spoke to members about ways to decrease the number of break-ins in their neighbourhood.

Something basic residents can do is to just simply be more aware, McKee said, by watching the people coming and going from the area, making a note of any suspicious activity and keeping in close contact with neighbours.

"Heightened awareness is free for your community and you should be using it," he said.

McKee said motion lights and lights with timers are also good investments for seasonal residents and that those who are away for the winter should think about having their driveways plowed every once in a while and get a neighbour to keep their driveways clear of any mail.

Otherwise, "You're putting up a sign that says, okay, this place is unoccupied, come in and see what you think."

McKee told attendees that other measures to prevent break-and-enters at their residences could include the construction of fences and gates.

"A gate at the end of the driveway helps," he said.

Of course, McKee told members the best way to protect their homes and cottages was with a monitored security system, and went over a number of features of various systems.

The meeting also included speeches and updates from the association's various directors, a small seminar on how to deal with black bears in the area and the reelection of members of the association's executive.



Chad Ingram/TIMES

Above: Sgt. Mike Landry of the Haliburton Highlands OPP answered questions about a rash of break-ins in Algonquin Highlands during the annual meeting of the Boshkung Lake Property Owners Association on July 18. There have been 30 break-ins in Algonquin Highlands township since May.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Bear necessities

WHILE IT'S OBVIOUS why the residents of Halls Lake and area would find the regular presence of black bears on their properties annoying and disconcerting, some patience and understanding should also be applied to the situation.

It seems quite clear that the drastic increase in the number of bear problems at the lake is the result of the Bear Wise fencing that was installed at the Little Hawk landfill site last year.

And while many people in the area seem to feel the solution to the problem would simply be to take down the fencing and allow the bears back into the dump, where they have been feeding for decades, there is some pretty sound logic behind the program.

The fencing is there because the township and the Ministry of Natural Resources are trying to protect both the bears and the residents of Algonquin Highlands.

While many will likely, and understandably, scoff at this, the situation must be viewed from a long-term perspective.

Yes, it is true that right now, recently displaced bears are causing havoc for cottagers and residents in the area by damaging property and strewing garbage all over the place.

However, the program has also been used in Muskoka and other areas and, after seven years or so, the bear population in those areas has retreated back to the forests, where it belongs.

Seven years may seem like a long time, but in the grand scheme of things, it's a blip if one thinks about the generations who have lived, and will continue to live, in the area.

It should also be noted that human-habituated bears, dump bears, like the ones in this area, are far more dangerous than ones that spend all their time in the forest, since they have lost their fear of humans.

While this may make the fact there are dump bears roaming the area right now even more disconcerting, again, the long-term goal is to make it so these bears will once again fear humans, making the area safer for them and safer for us.

It should also be remembered that black bears, even ones that have grown used to humans, will generally not attack people. Unless they are cornered or someone has gotten too close to one of their cubs (and both of those situations can result only from human error), there is really no reason to fear black bears.

They respond to humans much like raccoons or stray cats; they get the hell away.

We are much, much more likely to be attacked by a neighbour's dog than a black bear.

In the meantime, people should exercise caution and common sense by clearing their properties of birdfeeders, taking their garbage to the dump regularly and doing all the other things the ministry recommends to decrease the chances of attracting a bear.

The bears, believe it or not, will eventually go home.

Chad Ingram

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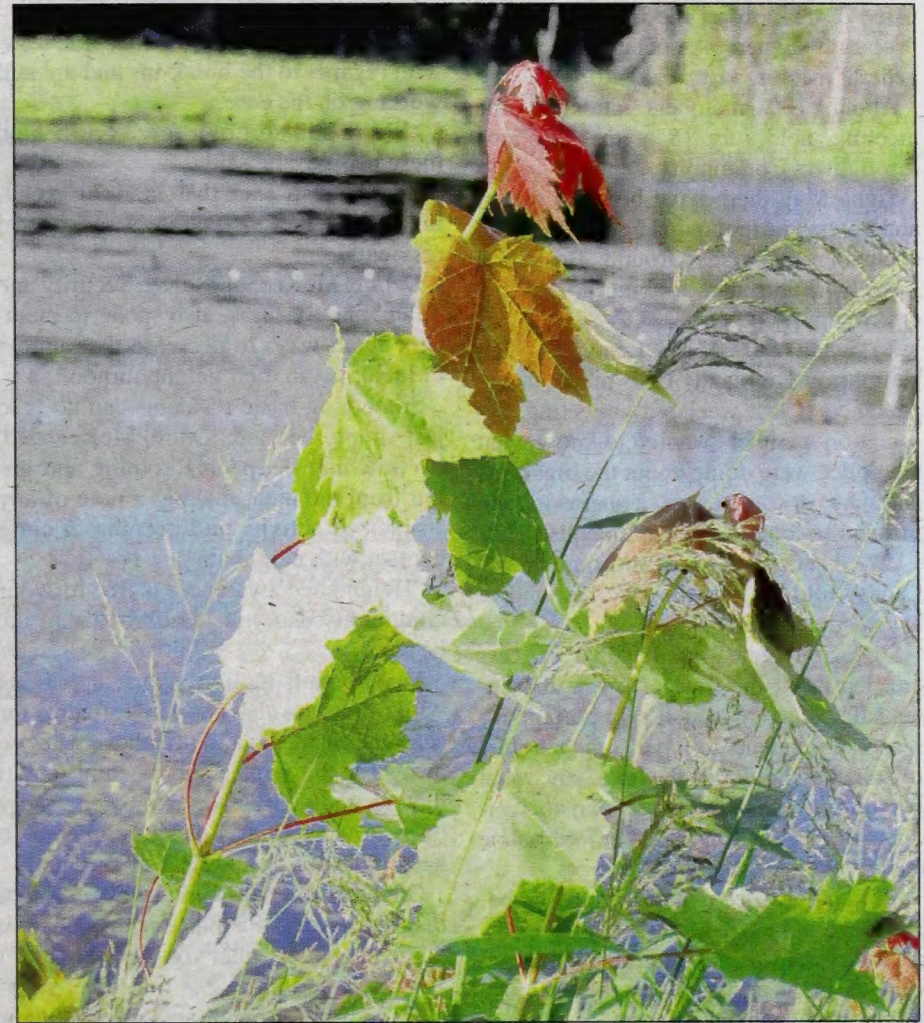
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by BARRY DEVOLIN
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limit of \$20,000, into the RDSPs of low-income and modest-income Canadians. No individual contributions are necessary to receive the bond; simply open an RDSP.

In addition to the RDSP, Canada's Economic Action Plan took further action by introducing close to \$1.5 billion for housing construction and renovation projects and \$40 million to improve accessibility to federal buildings; improving tax benefits; and making post-secondary education more accessible.

For example, earlier this month I was pleased to join our provincial and municipal representatives to announce \$8.2 million for two construction ready projects in Lindsay. The Canadian Mental Health Association and Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes will build 69 units of affordable housing for low-income seniors and persons with disabilities.

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Pillow talk

This morning, I read about a giant pillow fight that took place in an Antwerp, Belgium train station involving more than 200 people. Then I read an article detailing burgeoning Canada goose numbers in south and central Ontario. And, suddenly, just like that, a great idea occurred to me.

Why can't we have a huge pillow fight using Canada geese?

Think about it. Aside from a few extra parts, geese are ready-made pillows. So it's completely holistic.

I could just see it now. Once a year, sometime around dusk, participants could gather in pajamas at the local roost site and giggle a lot. While under the blankets with our flashlights and waiting for the geese to land, we could play spin the bottle or truth or dare. Then, as the big birds pitch in, we would each capture one or two for temporary use as pillows. After that, in a fit of good old-fashioned fun, we would

beat each other about the heads with geese until we all fall down laughing. I can just see it now. There'd be feathers everywhere!

It would be the best pillow fight ever!

Admittedly, it's been more than 30 years since I have personally been involved in a pillow fight so this idea might have a few minor bugs to work out. Still, in theory at least, it's got all the hallmarks of true genius.

Geese? Pillow fight? It's a natural.

Let's face it; we live in an area rich with geese. But, despite that, we have never had a real good public pillow fight. It just doesn't make any sense. If you think about it, not doing this would just be a waste of our natural resources.

Even as I write this, I can see the eyes of our local tourism departments lighting up. Here's a great idea that was right under our noses all this time. And, if we

act fast, there's still time to be the first tourist region in the world to cash in on this.

If we promote the event just right, like they do with the seal hunt, people from all over the world

will come visit us

each and every year.

Heck, this pillow

fight could be the centre of a very unique festival.

Oh, I realize that, as of this moment, this is just a crazy pipe dream. But the truth is, with a little work, we could actually make this happen.



BEYOND 35

Steve Galea

A big cat licks its paws

IN THE ROLLING HILLS of the Palouse on the Washington-Idaho border, where the topsoil is about as deep and rich as anywhere in the world, the search is on for a giant earthworm.

When it was first written about in the late 19th century, the Palouse earthworm was described as being as much as three feet long. It was said to be white and exude a lily-like smell and spit when handled.

It is believed to live in burrows 15 feet below the soil's surface, which may be why there have been only four sightings in the past 40 years and scientists are having a difficult time convincing governments it even exists.

Instead of the deep soil of the Palouse, there are millions of acres of deep forest hiding the cougar from plain sight in Ontario and proving the big cat lives here is almost as big a challenge as finding the big white worm.

Folks keep seeing them, though usually only for a couple of seconds. There have been hundreds

of sightings reported to Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources and many more that have gone unreported.

One late afternoon a few weeks back, Ed White and Barb Hartin of Kinmount looked out their dining-room window and saw a big cat resting beside a large rock.

Most cougar sightings are more like glimpses lasting perhaps two seconds as the cat bounds

through a clearing. The couple watched this cat for 10 to 15 minutes, but they didn't tell the MNR about it.

White says its size, its long tail and untufted ears told him it wasn't a bobcat or lynx, Ontario's other two wild cats. This cat was licking its paws.

Cougars are creatures of the deep woods, but White's backyard on Highway 121 backs up to

a forest. Most of Haliburton and the northern Kawarthas is so thinly populated by humans that our habitat must feel like deep woods to a cat in hot pursuit of its dinner.

As Chad Ingram reported in this paper a couple of weeks ago, there have been plenty of reported cougar sightings here.

After I wrote about the big cats a couple of years ago,

somebody told me about seeing one on the Scotch Line, only a couple of concessions away from where I live.

Somebody else told me that the Minden MNR office had had so many cougar reports from around Mountain and Horseshoe lakes, the staff had given the animal a nickname.

This was when the MNR was still skeptical about the animal's

existence in the Ontario wild. Now the provincial agency has a cougar specialist, a senior scientist named Rick Rosatte, and he believes they're out there.

There have been confirmed sightings, most famously in the Wainfleet bog near Welland, and lots more credible reports, according to Rosatte, two of them recently near hydro corridors north and south of Peterborough.

Rosat's big question is where they came from. Did they arrive here from somewhere else, perhaps as pets, after the native population was exterminated, or are they descendents of a remnant population that survived in the deep woods?

There are almost too many sightings to be explained away by the escaped-pet theory. A bit of 1988 research counted 189 credible sightings in Ontario between 1935 and 1983. That's a lot of escaped pets.

I'll save more thoughts on the big cats and the elusiveness of predators next week.

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BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Three bear families are frequent visitors

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The glass portion of the window in the room had been left open and outside, Ward found a screen, badly broken. Trim around the windowsill had also been damaged.

Ward has lived in her home for 20 years and said she has never experienced a problem with bears before.

The bear struck her neighbour's home as well, she said, removing garbage from the garage.

"All the garbage was all over the place," she said.

Not far down Halls Lake Road, Frank Collard said he too had a bear on his property last month.

"She was there," he said, pointing to composter at the back of his yard.

Collard said there have numerous bear sightings in his neighbourhood this year. There are three separate bear families – a mother with one cub, a mother with two

cubs and a mother with three cubs – that are seen often in the area.

Collard said there is some concern for safety, especially for the children.

"There's about 20 odd kids around this strip," he said.

It's not just cottages and homes. Area businesses are also experiencing repeated visits from black bears.

Tom runs The Chip Shop on Hwy. 35 and said he's had dozens of visits from bears so far this season.

"They've come up during the day," Tom said. "I'm scared for the customers."

He's had to make several repairs to the trim around the shop's windows and doors because the bears, following the smell of cooking oil, are constantly trying to enter the building.

Frustrated, Tom said he has put in a number of calls to the Ministry of Natural Resources about the problem, but has been

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Chad Ingram/TIMES

Halls Lake resident Kathy Ward stands near a window that was damaged when a black bear entered her home late last month. Ward has lived on the lake for 20 years and said she has never before had a problem with bears.

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Bear-proofing property helps reduce risks

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told simply to make sure the area is free of garbage and to take down any hummingbird feeders.

"I don't have hummingbird feeders," he said, adding that he makes regular trips to the landfill since he doesn't want to let garbage pile up inside his storage shed.

Last summer, Algonquin Highlands township put electric fencing up at three of its landfills – at Dorset, Maple Lake and Little Hawk Lake – in an attempt to keep out bears who, for decades, have been feasting on garbage at the sites. The idea is to wean the bears off garbage and get them back into the area's forests.

Tom thinks the increase in bear activity

around his business, which he has owned for the past eight years, is a direct result of the fencing at the Little Hawk Lake landfill.

"It's from 20 per cent to 110 per cent," he said of the increase of bear activity on his property. "I want somebody [from the MNR] to come up here and see what's going on."

While many people in the area are blaming the MNR for the bear problem, with some suggesting the township should take down its bear fences, Bill Rowe is not one of those people. Rowe owns the Lorelea Country Inn and has seen bears on the resort property about 20 times this year.

For a couple weeks earlier this summer, Rowe said a female bear with three cubs

"I want somebody from the MNR to come up here and see what's going on."

BUSINESS OWNER

in tow was pretty much a daily sight.

Rowe said the mother bear, with her protective instincts, was a bit disconcerting.

"Just because they're aggressive, you know, protecting the young," he said.

Rowe said he's seen lone male bears on his property as well and that on a couple occasions, people staying at his inn have woken up to black bears peering in their windows.

"People want to see bears, but they want to see them from 200 feet," he said.

Rowe has an air horn he uses to alert guests when there is a bear on the premises. Despite all this, he said he has no problem with what the township and the MNR are doing.

"They have a job to do," he said.

No representative from the MNR could be contacted before press time.

Advice on how to bear-proof your property and what to do if you are confronted by a bear is on www.mnr.gov.on.ca.

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1. File No. 08-22

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

July 23 Public Forum about how people relate to art today.
Minden Council Chambers 6 pm
July 24 & 25 Flower Show Minden Community Centre
July 28 & 29 Rotary Summer Festival Municipal Parking Lot
July 30 Council, Council Chambers 9 AM
July 31 Highland Yard
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August 11 Classic Car Show 'n Shine Downtown Minden 6 pm
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August 27 Council, Council Chambers 9 AM



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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, August 20th, 2009 @ 1:30 p.m. (Municipal Boardroom)
For the purposes of reviewing the second quarter financial statements

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Speaking of aphasia...

Moffatt family learns to cope with aftermath of stroke

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

You. Don't. Have. To. Speak. Slowly. To. Bruce. Moffatt. NOR DO YOU NEED TO SHOUT.

Just because the 75-year-old Stanhope resident finds it difficult to talk after his stroke last November, it doesn't mean he's lost his ability to comprehend the words of others. Some of his words might come out as gibberish but they don't start out that way in his brain. His brain and his mouth just need to be re-wired.

Moffatt has aphasia.

"Aphasia," explains his daughter Carol, "is a breakdown of language. This is not to be confused with a speech disorder. Language consists of thinking, words, and gestures; speech consists of sounds. Communication requires two people who share a common meaning of words - whether it's gestures, pictures or words. If we both agree on what salt is, then we can communicate. But if I think it's salt and you think it's a broom, we're in trouble."

When Bruce speaks, he might think he's saying "Pass the salt, please" but the words come out garbled. But he knows he wants the salt, not a broom. If you're sitting at the table and he's gesturing towards the salt shaker, then, as his daughter points out, that still counts as communication.

The Aphasia Society says there are 30,000 people in Ontario with aphasia and most of them, like Bruce, got it as a result of a stroke. In fact, it is part of the diagnosis in one third of all stroke survivors. Bruce has what's called expressive aphasia - he knows what he wants to say but he has trouble saying it.

The Moffatts like to say that until November 3, 2008, Bruce "suffered from wellness." His brother had died of a stroke and he had had a pacemaker installed four years ago, but apart from

that, most of the family's worries about health were focused on his wife Betty. Last summer and fall, he seemed to have to rest more often and didn't have the energy he used to. But maybe that was just part of getting older.

On the morning of November 3, he complained that his eye was jumping and his vision was blurry but he put in a busy day nonetheless. That night, he was covering his left eye with his hand so Betty suggested that they go into the hospital. She was quite surprised when he agreed. She went upstairs to get her purse and when she came down into the kitchen, Bruce was standing spread-eagled against the cupboard to stop himself from falling. "He was out of it," she says.

She recognized the signs of a stroke and called 911.

When daughter Carol arrived at the hospital, "all he could say was 'okay' and give the thumbs up." Unlike other stroke patients, his motor functions weren't impaired and when he got up to use the washroom, he had the wherewithal to make sure his hospital gown was securely fastened. He could think, he could react, he just couldn't speak.

Carol says "Every single stroke is different, every stroke affects the person differently and everyone recovers differently."

Think of a stroke, she says, as a heart attack in the brain or, like your brain being hit by a bus. After a stroke, your brain is swollen for about two weeks and until the swelling goes down it's hard to tell how much damage has been done.

It soon became apparent that the main impact of the stroke was on Bruce's speaking skills. He couldn't form the words. Carol would show him a flash card with a picture she'd taken, maybe of a bird, or a wheelbarrow, or



When Bruce Moffatt had two strokes last November, his mobility wasn't affected. But he did have aphasia. His brain knows the words he wants to say but the words that come out are vastly different. With the help of his wife Betty and daughter Carol, his communication skills have vastly improved.

/Photo by Martha Perkins

of family members and friends. In the weeks immediately following the stroke, he'd not be able to say the identifying word 90 per cent of the time. Eight months later he gets the word right 90 per cent of the time. In the early days if you asked him if he wanted something he'd say

no but nod his head as if to say yes. They learned to go with the physical response.

"He doesn't need to learn the word - he knows it," says Carol. "The words are there, we just have to find a way to get the words out.... It's refamiliarizing the brain with what he already

knows.....

"Somewhere there's a key that you turn to let those words come out properly. We just can't find the key."

Bruce has come up with a few creative ways himself. He says

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'Don't be afraid if you meet someone with aphasia': Betty Moffatt

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to Carol, "I could call your fockle. Your soam is on the fose." It has something to do with his knowing that her phone wasn't working.

"He reads the paper out loud to me but I can't understand what he's saying," Carol says.

Carol says goomlyprisser is her favourite word that her father came up with. On the day that she complained he was calling her Miranda, he smiled and told her to change her name. "The saving grace," she says, "is that his sense of humour has remained intact."

Sometimes the words that come out of his mouth have round-about links to the words that he thinks he's saying. A sucker becomes a sackling crack or a wicklicker. A whistle is a swissle (although if you ask him to try it again he might come up with blownraynot).

Along the way they've received a lot of help. Bruce spent 12 weeks in the rehabilitation ward of Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay, even though he was very bored because most of the services were geared to stroke survivors who had physical repercussions. (The Moffatts wish more resources were made available for stroke patients by the Ministry of Health. As it was, there was only two hours of speech therapy a week.) Allison Mack, a speech therapist

"He's not stupid, he's not deaf. If you just react with the respect that he deserves, you can make sense of what he says."

CAROL MOFFATT

who happens to live in Haliburton, was a great help, as well as Lee McLean, who had a stroke a few years ago and helps Bruce with his rehabilitation at home.

"People in Haliburton are phenomenal," Betty says, thanking both the hospital staff and those who have helped in any way they can.

Bruce is usually a very private person but he wanted to do this interview to help people understand aphasia. Some people have responded to his speaking problems by speaking to him more loudly and slowly, as if he was deaf or couldn't understand the words. Some people have avoided him out of fear or embarrassment, or just not knowing what to say around him. Some people talk to him through Betty, as if he wasn't even there.

"He's not stupid, he's not deaf," Carol

says. "If you just react with the respect that he deserves, you can make sense of what he says. Don't be afraid of the unknown. Ask how you can adapt. It's about independence and dignity. When people treat him like a simpleton, it's infuriating. You listen and [if you can't understand him] you ask him to find another way."

Betty adds, "Don't be afraid if you meet someone with aphasia. Don't be afraid to say, 'I'm not getting what you're saying, can you try again?'"

Betty has been amazed by how much work her daughter has put into helping Bruce recover as many of his language

skills as he has. "I can't tell you the hundreds of hours this girl has spent with him," she says.

It's not yet known how much more progress will be made. Some people recover from stroke-induced aphasia overnight. Bruce has shown real improvement since November.

"We will end up where we end up," Carol says. "We have no idea how many language skills he will regain. We'll do [the rehabilitation exercises] until we don't...."

"It's been a fascinating journey. I just wish it wasn't my dad."



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Visit Village Green, Gazebo at the
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Children's Games
Literacy Booth
Balloons
Face-painting
Ice Cream Eating Contest
Clowns
Fire Hall Displays and
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Friday & Saturday, July 24-25
Friday 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Annual Flower Show, Minden
Horticultural Society - Minden
Hills Community Centre

Saturday,
July 25
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
4th Annual "Hook-In
Under the Tent" -
Minden Hills Museum
Traditional
Rug Hooking
to View &
Instructions



Many downtown
businesses will be
open late on
Wednesday July 29th!

Thursday, August 6
Art in the Village, Rotary Club of Minden -
2 p.m. - 8 p.m. Minden Museum
Meet Your Favourite Artists (over 20 artists)
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AUGUST 7-15--
MINDEN 150TH
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Thursday, Aug 13
Minden Merchants
Street Sale - 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Jail Cell, Minden Hills
Museum fundraiser,
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. downtown
Kids Games - 12 - 3 p.m.
Cream Pie Throwing
3 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Fundraiser for
the Minden 150 committee
Rockcliffe Fashion Show 7 p.m.

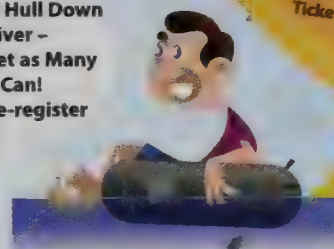


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August 7-15
Minden 150th Homecoming Week

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Friday, August 7

Youth Night - Battle of the Bands, Minden Hills Community Centre-
7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. info call 286-1936

Minden's Sesquicentennial book launch, Minden Museum—1 p.m.
Historical Portrait Studio - Photo in old clothes \$10/photo, Minden Museum

Saturday, Aug 8

Homecoming breakfast, Minden Hills Community Centre—8 a.m.-10 a.m.
Displays of the History of Minden—Minden Curling Club Aug. 8-15 - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Official Homecoming Welcome—Minden Curling Club 10 a.m.
Amazing Race—starting at the Minden Curling Club-12 noon-5 p.m.
Call 286-1936 to register—\$10 per team

Homecoming Dance, Minden Hills Community Centre—7 p.m.

Sunday, Aug 9

All Church picnic—Base Ball Diamond behind Minden Hills Community Centre—1:00 p.m.
Haliburton County Horseman's Association Gymkhana—Minden Fair Grounds—9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Aug 11

Show & Shine Car Show, downtown Minden — 6 p.m. - Dusk

Wednesday, Aug 12

Truck Sale—Downtown Minden—8 a.m.-1 p.m. - \$10 per vehicle-sign up
at the Dominion Hotel
1:30 p.m. - Float your Hull Down the Gull, Gull River -
Rotary Park - Let's Get as Many Floaters as We Can!
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Thursday, Aug 13

Minden Merchants Street Sale - 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Jail Cell, Minden Hills Museum fundraiser, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. downtown
Kids Games - 12 - 3 p.m.
Facing Painting 10-4 p.m.
Cream Pie Throwing 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Fundraiser for the Minden 150 committee
Rockcliffe Fashion Show 7 p.m.

Aug 13, 14, 15, 16

The Conjurors of County Town present Buck's Tavern -
Minden Hills Museum grounds
Thursday-Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug 15

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Tuesday, Aug 11
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Friday, August 14
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Friday, August 21
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Friday, August 28
Northern Jam



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Gone fishing with Rocky Crawford

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

Aboard the sleek and yellow fishing boat powered by the strength of 225 of Mercury's finest horses, Rocky Crawford gently presses down on the throttle as we skim across Head Lake to talk about his life as a professional fisherman, fish folklore, the industry, and of course, to fish.

To say fishing has always been part of Crawford's life is an understatement – word around the tackle box is he wasn't delivered by a doctor so much as he was reeled into the world.

Growing up along the shores of Minden's Gull River, Crawford would fish prior to and upon return from school.

Today he and his family call Whitby home but he's a part-time resident of Horseshoe Lake from the Victoria Day long weekend until the end of October.

"If I'm not fishing in a tournament, I'm guiding," said Crawford, who after taking a few years off is now back in the game as a guide.

The clientele for Rocky Crawford Outdoors Inc. is often corporations and his focus is on fish education. Crawford says 90 per cent of his guiding is done on 20 to 25 lakes in Haliburton County.

"There's just so many good lakes here and they don't get a lot of pressure," said Crawford reeling in a small, large mouth bass.

As we talk he casts his line into the grassy shores for a decent sized large mouth bass, one more worthy of a

photograph. Crawford certainly looks the part of a pro fisherman; the flashy boat and massive motor, his sports cap, polarized sunglasses, and skin, soaked from sun, are signs of a life on the water.

Beginning his professional fishing career in 1987, his resume now reads: four-time Pro Canadian Classic Champion (1988, 93', 98', 01'), three-time Canadian Bass Angler of the Year (1993, 94', 96'), and winner of the 1990 Bass'n'Tario Classic on Lake Kashagawigamog.

Last Wednesday Crawford finished in ninth place in Bassmania, held for the first time in Haliburton.

With approximately 20 tournament wins under his belt, Crawford estimates his career winnings at about half a million dollars. And when he first started out he had a lot of major sponsors giving him money and products, such as boats and the latest gear.

"That's really changed in the last seven to eight years," he said of the corporate sponsor goodies. "That stuff is really hard to come by."

In his heyday Crawford says he used to get a pretty big piece of the professional angler's pie.

"Now there's so many guys that are taking a slice it's really affected myself in the industry that way," he said. "There's so many phenomenal fishermen nowadays. So I just find that I have to do a lot of different things."

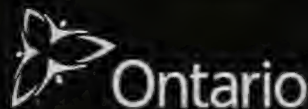
He says the growth in the number of professional anglers is linked to the growth in the number of tournaments.

When he started fishing there was only one, multi-day, tournament fishing circuit.

"Suddenly we went from 150 boats in a tournament – with a waiting list – to there being three or four [one-day] tournament circuits around and everyone wants to be a professional fisherman," he said.

So what does it take to be a pro?

see FIGURING page 15



NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Detail Design Study

Removal of the Old Gull River Bridge, Highway 35, North of Minden G.W.P. 5004-05-00

THE PROJECT

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is conducting a detail design study for the removal of the Old Gull River bridge at Highway 35, north of Minden (see key plan below). EcoTec Environmental Consultants Inc. is providing environmental planning and field services on behalf of D.M. Wills Associates Ltd.

The project involves the following activities:

- Complete removal of the existing reinforced concrete structure;
- Removal of the existing abutments, backfilling and regrading; and
- Restorative landscaping at the embankments

THE PROCESS

This project has been classified as a Group 'C' undertaking under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000). The study will include an assessment of potential impacts of the bridge's removal on the study area environment. Upon completion of this study, notification will be published in the local newspaper.

Comments and information regarding this study are being collected to assist in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. These comments will be maintained on file for use during the study in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. All comments become part of the public record with the exception of personal information.

COMMENTS

We are interested in hearing any comments or concerns that you may have with the Old Gull River bridge removal study. Please contact either Andy Staszak or Doug Rivers at the following addresses/numbers:

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Horseshoe Lake cottager Rocky Crawford has dedicated his career to fishing. He's still very active on the pro circuit.

Figuring the fish out is hardest part of pro angler's job

from page 14

"An open mind and time spent on the water really," he said. "Nothing replaces time spent on the water. And fishing under all sorts of conditions, all different types of lakes because every lake is different."

He says luck does play a role on the water but, as he discovered in a recent tournament in Quebec, it's not always good luck. That day the reel came off his fishing rod as he tried to pull in his first fish. A short time later, with another big fish on, the rod broke trying to land it.

"But you'll see the same core group of guys doing well all the time," said Crawford. "That's not luck. That's all about skill and hard work ethic."

As for the fishing industry itself, he believes it's still growing. Unlike other industries struggling in the recession, fishing really doesn't seem to slow down all that much, other than a decrease in the big-ticket prizes like boats and motors. "A lot of people have a lot more time to go fishing in a downturn," he says.

Why fishing?

The neat thing about fishing is this: "There are no barriers as far as people being able to fish; whether you're young, or you're old, or wheelchair bound, it doesn't matter, you can still go fishing."

Fishing can mean different things to different people, whether your idea of fishing is relaxing on the end of a dock with a cold beer or soaking a worm under a bobber or going to the extreme side of fishing.

"The challenge for me, tournament fishing wise, is just a matter of figuring the fish out," said Crawford. "Figuring what the fish are doing from one day to the next, or going to a new body of water and figuring out the location."

So are the fish smarter than we think they are?

"No, not really," he said with a chuckle. "But they are very moody and weather can affect them in a big way."

Like humans, fish have certain needs. Their lives revolve around eating and reproducing. When temperatures change in the water so do the habits of the fish. If water is too warm fish will move to deeper water, for instance.

And what about the following old poem, does it hold any truth?

When the wind is from the east the fish they bite the least.

When the wind is from the west the fish they bite the best.

When the wind is from the north the fishermen dare not go forth.

When the wind is from the south the bait pops into the fish's mouth.

"To a certain degree, yes it does," said Crawford. "Generally an east wind is associated with a cold front but a south-southwest wind four or five days in a row usually means the fishing can get pretty darn good in the summer time."

While fishing hasn't taken Crawford around the world, it has taken him around North America. "From the southern tip of Florida to northern end of Manitoba and everywhere in between," said Crawford. "[Fishing has] treated me well and I've met a lot of very interesting people."

"It's just been a great way to make a living," added Crawford. "It's had its ups and downs, there's no doubt about that. There are some sacrifices and time away from family and all that but I wouldn't change it for anything in the world either."

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Fish are very moody, Crawford says, and "weather can affect them in a big way." The challenge for him is understanding their moods. A little kiss doesn't seem to hurt!

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Local teen golden at Canada Cup

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff



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Wearing his gold medal, 16-year-old Alex Vassos stands on the lakeside deck at his Wedgewood Marina home. After winning gold in a backup role this year with Ontario East U-17 football team, his goal is to land a starting role with the U-19 team this time next year.

After getting a taste of gold in a backup role with the Ontario East U-17 football team, 16-year-old Alex Vassos has his sights on taking his game to the next level.

On the flats of the prairies from July 4 to 11, Alex competed in the 2009 Football Canada Cup in Saskatoon as a backup offensive guard, specializing on the PAT (Point After Touchdown) squad.

Playing a handful of minutes, each of the four round-robin matches, in which Ontario East gathered an impressive 3-1 record, Alex played the entire last quarter of the championship game that Ontario East won 42-7 to capture the title.

In Saskatoon last week Alex and Ontario East were 2-0 when they faced Southern Alberta in Game 3. Ontario East lost in a defensive battle 8-3 but won their last game. Waiting, they needed Southern Alberta to beat Quebec for a berth in the gold medal game.

They would eventually face the team that handed them their only loss in the round robin in the final and overcame adversity for the victory by a large margin.

The key to the dominating victory was in the team's preparation.

"We watched a lot of game film," said Alex. "We were really good at passing and running the ball. Our defensive was really good."

He's now seen what the talent is like at the next level.

"It was so much better and so much more intense than anything I've played in," said the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student.

To see that calibre of players was good for him, as he now knows what he needs to improve to make it to the next level.

An interest sparked

Alex arrived on the team thanks to his high school football coach, Tim Davies. Alex says Davies approached a handful of players regarding an opportunity to show their stuff at a pre-tryout in the Durham region back in April.

Another local football star in the making, Brock Brown, who is off to the University of Western this fall, also mentioned the tryout.

Out of 160 kids at the tryout, Alex was one of 80 who went on to another tryout at Queen's University. There, Alex impressed the coaching staff and earned one of 36 roster spots after a final weekend-long tryout.

At 6'2" with a solid 235 lbs. frame, one might say Alex is made for football. And apart from his sheer size, his long, curly black hair makes him stand out on the field. A football fan would liken him to the Pittsburgh Steelers strong safety Troy Polamalu.

Alex first took an interest in football in Grade 9 when he joined the junior football team and this year he'll step on the field at Hal High as a veteran on the Red Hawks senior team. The Grade 12 student is now considering football as a career.

So far so good.

Of course the trip to Saskatoon wasn't free so Alex had to fund his own way halfway across the country. To accomplish this Alex sold 100 raffle tickets, which included prizes such as Toronto Maple Leafs tickets, at \$10 a ticket. But he also caught the attention of a few local organizations. Alex received a total of \$300 in sponsorship from the Minden Lions Club and Minden Kinsmen.

"I want to thank everyone who helped support me," he said.

Looking to the future Alex realizes there is still time to grow, and while he hasn't seen a specialist to see if that will indeed happen, he is, well, up for it.

"Yeah, that'd be good," he said of another couple of inches.

When asked what the next step was regarding football, he said that getting scouted and going to university is on his to-do list.

"I would like to go to the [United] States," he said, his eyes widening at the thought of how much more exciting football is south of border compared to here.

However, if an opportunity didn't presented itself in the south he certainly would accept playing in Canada.

Over the summer and into the winter Alex says he plans to workout in West Guilford with personal trainer Al Huff, who has experience playing football at the college level.

Alex's goal is to make the U-19 Eastern Ontario football team this time next year but with a bit of a twist - next time he wants a starting role.

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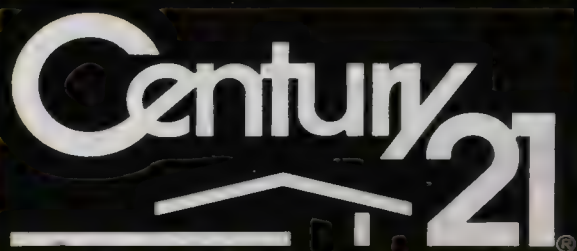
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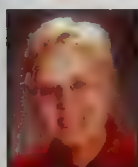
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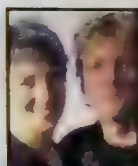
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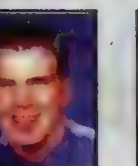
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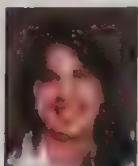
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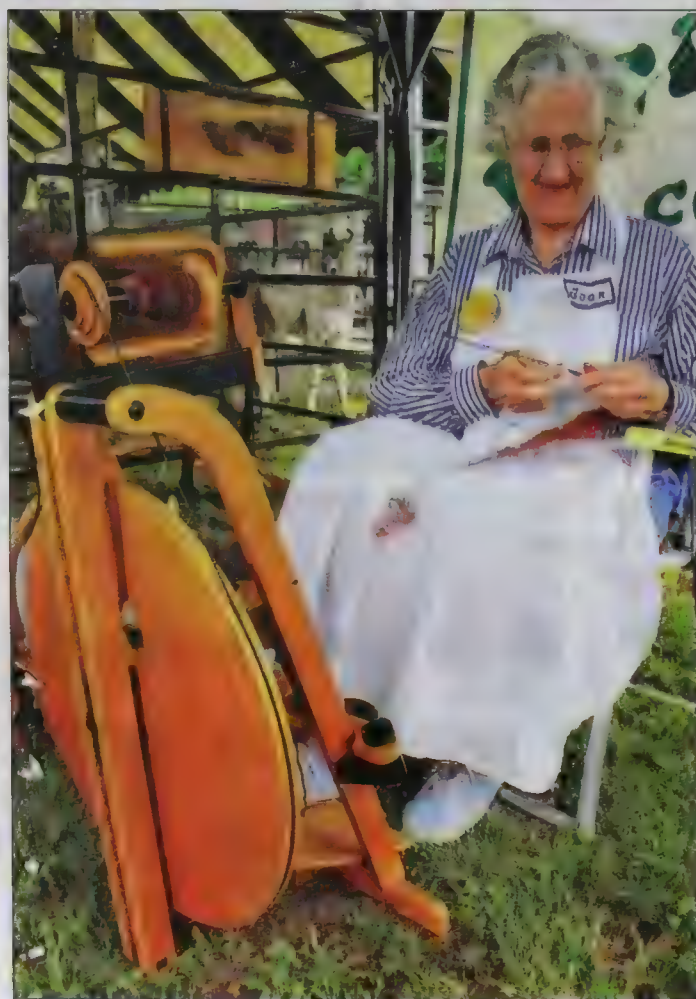
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Sheila Ziman demonstrates how basket-weaving is done as crowds look on. Ziman was making a decorative patch using a circle of birch bark and porcupine quills, the latter, which she collects from road kill. "You can't buy it at Stedman's," Ziman told onlookers.



Jean Bolt, of the Haliburton Highlands Hand Spinners and Weavers spins wool into yarn.

Sharing heritage

More than 600 people made their way to the annual Stanhope Heritage Day outside the Stanhope Heritage Museum on July 18. The day included a variety of demonstrations of antiquated arts such as blacksmithing, silver-smithing, yarn-spinning and basket-weaving. A petting zoo, antique car display, live music and refreshments were also part of the fun.

Photos by Chad Ingram



This restored 1925 Ford truck was one of a number of antique automobiles on display for the day.



Alexander Croft tries his hand at silver-smithing.



Above: Artist Robert John Paul MacBrian creates most of his oil painting based on the landscape and buildings of Haliburton County.



Above right: This miniature donkey was one of many animals that were part of a petting zoo set up at the museum grounds.



Left: Joe Smith of Minden brought along his collection of antique cameras, such as this Seneca model from the early 20th century.

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Jamieson gallery a "recommender"

The Ontario Arts Council has chosen the Agnes Jamieson Gallery as a Recommender Gallery. This means that local and regional artists can apply to the AJG for exhibition assistance grants.

What's a Recommender Gallery?

It acts as a third party disburser of Ontario Arts Council exhibition assistance grants. We accept exhibition assistance applications from local and regional artists who have confirmed shows and make recommendations for funding amount to the OAC. The third-party recommenders include public art galleries, artist-run centres, and other community or cultural organizations.

The program assists visual artists, craft artists and media artists with costs di-

rectly related to presenting their work in a confirmed, upcoming, public exhibition. Applications are received and assessed by recommender organizations. Approved applications, or recommendations, are forwarded to the Ontario Arts Council for payment directly to the artists.

How much can an artist apply for? The minimum grant awarded is \$500 and the maximum is \$1,500 per year.

Eligibility:

This program is open to Ontario-based professional visual artists, craft artists and media artists who have a confirmed, upcoming public exhibition.

Deadlines:

The program is open from July 1, 2009 to February 12, 2010. Recommender galleries establish their own application

deadlines for Exhibition Assistance, or may decide to accept applications on an ongoing basis. Please contact the Agnes

Jamieson Gallery at 286-3763 or email gallery@mindenhills.ca for more information on this.



This work by printmaker Otis Tamasauskas was on display at the gallery recently.

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Something weird is happening lately – the sun is coming out! The rain has stopped and we might have summer after all, although by the time this column goes out it could all change.

Our little church around the corner on East Road has some neat things planned for you. The Zion United Church is known as "Your Community Church In Action" for good reasons! A few of them in fact!

Tuesday, August 4 at 7:30 p.m. – Time & Talent Auction

Saturday, August 15 9 a.m. – Giant Bake Sale

Sunday, August 16 – 3-Church worship service (Twelve Mile Lake Church followed by a picnic at the Zion United Church).

Saturday, August 22 starting at 5:30 p.m. – Barbecue and street dance with loads of entertainment for all ages.

Sunday services at 9 a.m. with an open invitation to all!

The winners of the two \$50 prizes for July's Haliburton Community Living Travel Club Lottery were Diane Smith from Donald, and Stefan and Katie Bjelis of Haliburton. Congratulations

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Several events will take place at Zion United Church in upcoming weeks.

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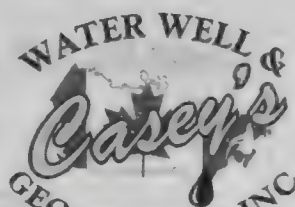
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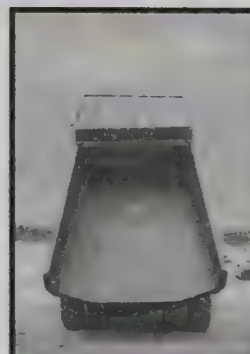
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Reeve, CAO say allegations 'unsubstantiated'

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At a July 17 council meeting, councillors reviewed a letter from the association, which has been a loud dissenter of the expansion project.

In a June 23 letter to councillors and staff, the association's research director, Andy Muirhead, wrote that the association believes there will be negative impacts to properties to the airport's north and west if an additional runway is built at the airport. While the township has started conversations with a handful of property owners whose old growth trees were listed as obstacles in an engineers' report for the project, the association insists there are additional property owners who may, at some point, have to have trees removed from their properties or suffer decreased property values as a result of the project.

"It is the opinion of the MBC that any

decision to proceed with construction of the proposed new runway prior to a proper assessment of impacts to and due process for compensation for properties in these areas will constitute an abrogation of the legal responsibilities of the township with respect to the affected rate-payers," the letter reads.

The association announced in the spring that it had obtained legal counsel and president Paul MacInnes has vowed the association is willing to take the township to court to stop the expansion project.

When Reeve Eleanor Harrison asked last week if anyone cared to comment on the association's letter, chief administrative officer Lorne Mitchell said that he thought some of the letters the township had received from the association verged on libel.

"Quite frankly, I'm tired of these allegations that are unsubstantiated," Mitchell

said. "They need to be supported."

"I don't feel that we have done anything wrong," Harrison agreed.

Harrison proceeded to say she believed a larger airport at Stanhope would increase, not decrease, property values in the area.

She pointed to Andrew Kuzyk, the Dysart property owner whose old growth trees must be topped to allow for the safe operation of the planned runway, as an example.

Kuzyk, who purchased his property from Algonquin Highlands nearly a decade ago for less than \$200,000, Harrison said, recently said he had the property informally assessed at a value of more than \$700,000.

Harrison also said a lawsuit with the association would only hurt the township's taxpayers.

"It's all unbudgeted money and it's all Algonquin taxpayers' money," she said.

Infrastructure Canada will be holding a public information session regarding the environmental assessment process for the airport project at the Stanhope Firefighters Community Centre on July 23 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Representatives from the federal body will explain the environmental assessment process to residents and also take suggestions as to what should be included in an environmental assessment on the property.

The township believes Infrastructure Canada will find all the necessary information in an environmental scan that was performed by engineers as part of the original study for the airport.

Jennifer Clark, a senior environmental review and approval officer with Infrastructure Canada who will be hosting this week's meeting, has said the environmental assessment process could take "several months to years."

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DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

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The 4th annual Dorset Museum Heritage Horseshoe Tournament on Friday, July 10 was another great success. With two pools of players, cheerleaders and fan support, the museum grounds were all abuzz. Congratulations to The Pinkies, Rick and John, who were undefeated in Pool A and won first place overall. Well done, boys! Special mention goes to Over the Hill, Sara and Dan, who were undefeated in Pool B. Second overall was won by Girl Power, Laurie Kent and Paula Webb. Third place went to The Grocery Boys, Fraser MacLeod and Ryan Robinson-Hatton. The team spirit award was presented to The Floaters, Helen and Hillary, for their unique costumes and enthusiasm. Thank you to all of the participants and spectators who came to the Dorset Museum to make this event a success.

Heritage Day on Saturday, July 11 at the Dorset Heritage Museum was well attended even with the threatening clouds at the start. Children and adults alike had a great time making rope and chatting with Muskoka's 35th Regiment who were camped out on the lawn.

Gerald Cook and his team of work horses were on hand demonstrating the art of pulling logs out of the bush. The horses had to have felt very special with all of the attention they were getting.

Carl Bedal and publisher Melody Richardson talked about their book co-authored with other area writers, *Yesterday: Anthology of Memoirs*.

Mike Buss shared his extensive knowledge of the Canadian Fur Trade History.

The McLennan Family Trio plus one played wonderful old toe-tapping music.

Brian Thompson and Stan Lougheed visiting from Singhampton, Ontario showcased their antique stone crusher powered by a 10 horsepower International Harvester along with a hot air motor powered by a wood fire; this versatile little engine had many uses one of which was to pump water for summer cottages.

The "cherry on top" of the day though was the unveiling of long the long awaited scale model of the Gilmour Tramway. Debra Perks from the Lawrason Foundation and Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison did the honours to reveal a great piece of work by designers, Paul Crosby and Bev Easton.

Randy Whiteman, co-author of the book *When Giants Fall*, a book about the Gilmour Lumber Company, was very excited to see the display. He said that "it really brings it [the tramway] to life."

Mark your calendars for the next summer event held at the museum featuring textiles at the Dorset Heritage Museum on August 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Read up more on this event in a future Dorset News column.

Thank you Kerry for all the great information on Dorset Heritage activities.

The Dorset library is hosting a special event every Wednesday in July and August called Meet and Greet. Each Wednesday at 1 p.m. visit the library to hear a special guest speaker. On July 22 join Paula Vickers of Dwight Garden Centre as she talks about planting for our local zone.

On July 22 at the Recreation Centre, join Dorset Day Camp staff Logan and Jenny who will be leading Dorset's Kids Crafts for kids ages five to 12. Admission is \$2 per child and all materials are supplied. Give the Recreation Centre a call for more information at 766-9968.

Special wishes for the week of July 19 to July 25 go out to Colin Macdonald, Eve Adkins, John McConkey, Dalton

Frecker, Barb Clark, and Janet Schreiber. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



A model of the Gilmour Tramway, which operated until 1897, is now part of the Dorset Museum's collection.

Notices



NOTICE

Township of Algonquin Highlands

A Special Meeting of Council will be held on

Friday, July 24, 2009
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One lucky pup, Bacardi, gets a rinse at Minden's Wuffstock Saturday.

Wuffstock has best year yet

• Photos by Siân Cox •

Despite the intermittent showers, the third annual Wuffstock event was a tail-wagging success, Saturday. Dogs got washed, cars got scrubbed and the rinse cycles were courtesy of Mother Nature.

While squeaky-clean pooches modeled their new scarves and snacked on "Wuffies," MEAC's homemade dog treats, their carestaff (sometimes referred to as owners) busied themselves deciding among the wonderful assortment of articles generously provided by local businesses.

The almost \$900 raised through Wuffstock will allow MEAC (Minden Emergency Animal Care) to continue its work providing medical care and placements for injured and sick abandoned and homeless pets in the Minden area. MEAC is a fully volunteer organization, which depends solely on donations and fundrais-

ing events. Unlike most regions, there are no government-assisted facilities and/or financial support available locally. In the past, these animals have been left alone to suffer or have been conveniently disposed of. If you would like to help, MEAC is always in need of volunteers and donors. And there is still time to enter the 2010 pet photo calendar contest. Check out www.meac2007.com.

The MEAC team would like to thank the volunteers for their time, the business sponsors for their generosity, the media for their assistance, the participants (both two and four legged) and financial donors for their caring support. MEAC couldn't exist without all of you!

"We call them dumb animals, and so they are, for they cannot tell us how they feel, but they do not suffer less because they have no words." Anna Sewell, author.



Dr. Carol Sanio washes one of the many cars at the MEAC fundraiser.



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held Monday August 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

- File No. H-022/09
Applicant: Jeanette SONGDAY
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 11, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: New Lot & Easement
- File No. H-034/09
Applicant: Eric & Edna MILLER
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 4 & 5, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 22nd day of July, 2009.

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866-886-8815 ext. 222
Fax: (705) 286-4829
Email: jtousaw@county.haliburton.on.ca



Notice of Tender The County of Haliburton Contract No. C01-29.8-09

Bid for: Installation of Multi-Plate Drainage Structure on County Road 1

Sealed envelopes containing Bids clearly marked "Installation of Multi-Plate Drainage Structure on County Road 1" and addressed to:

Ms. Shirley Kirk
Administrative Clerk
Roads Department
County of Haliburton
3 St. Germaine Street
Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0

Shall be received at the offices of: The County of Haliburton
3 St. Germaine Street
Minden, Ontario

Before 11:00 a.m., local time, on Wednesday August 5, 2009

The work generally comprises of the installation of a 3.6x2.0x32 metre long multi-plate drainage structure (culvert) located on County Road 1 approximately 200 metres North of the intersection of County Road 1 and County Road 18 accompanied by roadway and embankment restoration.

Copies of the Bid Documents can be obtained from the offices of AECOM Canada Ltd., 49-1 Manitoba St., Bracebridge or at the County Roads Department Office at 3 St. Germaine Street in Minden. A non-refundable fee of a \$50,000 (GST included), payable to The County of Haliburton is required for each set. Bid documents will be available after Wednesday July 22, 2009.

Bid must be accompanied by a Tender Deposit in the amount listed in item 3 of the instructions to Tenderers, payable to The County of Haliburton.

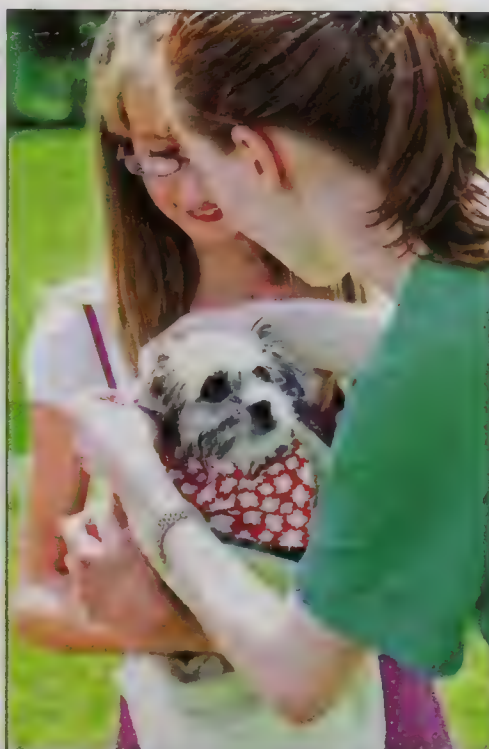
Tenders will be opened publicly at 11:15 a.m. Local Time, Wednesday August 5, 2009 at the County Roads Department Office, 3 St. Germaine Street, Minden. Tenders from bidders not on the Plantakers Register will not be opened. The lowest or any tender not necessarily taken.

Inquiries regarding this project shall be directed to:

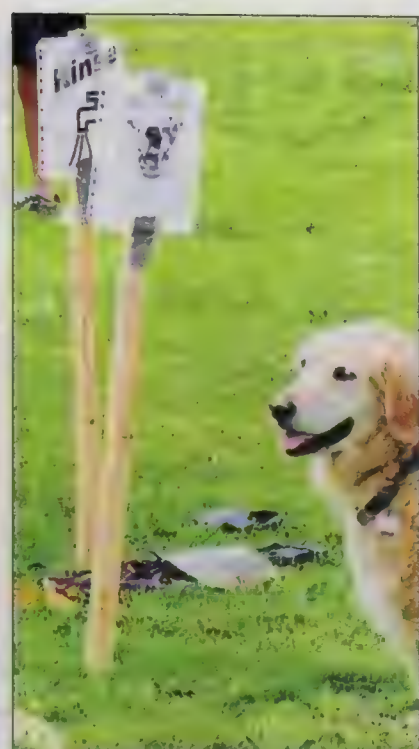
AECOM Canada Ltd.
49-1 Manitoba Street
Bracebridge, Ontario P1L 2A9
Attention: Chris Stilwel, P.Eng
Telephone: (705) 645-5992



Brandy gives dog washer Laura Barnard some kisses.



Owner Angelica Rickford holds 12-week-old Marly while she gets a bandana put on after her wash.



This dog waits his turn at the dog washing station.



Photos by
Siân Cox

Volunteer car washer, Zack Cox, gives this vehicle a good scrub at Wuffstock Dog and Car Wash.

Garage Sales

To advertise your garage sale, call Angela at 286-1288

BRING YOUR JUNK IN YOUR TRUNK SALE

August 12th 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Downtown Minden

\$10 per trunk - Pre-register at Minden Municipal office
or register on August 12th at the Dominion Hotel

Fundraiser for Minden 150
For more details call 286-1936

YARD SALE

Saturday July 25 - 9-5
2064 Kushog Lake Rd.
Off Hwy 118 W. of Carnarvon

Household Items
Home Décor
Craft Supplies
Books & Puzzles
Piston Pumps
Portable Ice Hut
Fishing Equipment
6 Kitchen Chairs
2 High-back Chairs
Garage Items & much more

Rain or Shine
489-2653

YARD SALE

Saturday, July 25
Sunday, July 26
9 am - 2 pm

Household Items
Bedroom Suite
Party Supply Liquidation
Birthday/Anniversary/
Wedding/Christmas/
New Years/etc.

ROCK BOTTOM
PRICES

1181 Peninsula Rd.

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE

Saturday, July 25
9 am - 4 pm

22 Vintage Cres,
Minden
(Near Public School)

Lots to Choose From
Rain or Shine

GARAGE SALE

Saturday,
July 25, 2009
9 am - 3 pm

Paintings, books,
records, garden tools,
etc.

Everything must go...

7029 Gelert Rd.
at Don McPhaden's

MOVING SALE

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Mix-Master + Attachments \$45
Commodore (2) \$30 & \$50
Small Sofa \$40
Large Wardrobe \$60
Folding cot (no mattress) \$25
And much more.

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE

July 25, 2009
8 am - 2 pm

tools • household items
books • stationary bike
asst. of golf clubs (left)
portable generator
portable air conditioners • etc.

1003 Godward Rd.
(Shyulen's Island)
Horseshoe Lake, Hwy 35
(signs posted) 286-3196

Heritage Week kicks off July 24

Explore Kinmount by dark during a ghost tour with Guy Scott on July 29



AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

488-2938 Fax: 488-1246

email: brucefleury@nexicom.net

Dust off your sneakers or get that bike tuned up for the Kinmount and District Health Services Foundation's annual fundraising event on Sunday, August 9.

Pledge sheets for the 11th Journey for Health are available now at the health centre, Kawartha Community Credit Union and Gateway Variety or, if you would prefer to sponsor a participant, give Vic Ballik a call at 488-3053.

Registration will take place that morning between 9 and 10 a.m. at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Many great prizes and delicious refreshments have been donated including a T-shirt provided by Diane and Vic Spring of Re/Max Country Living for each participant with pledges over \$100.

All entrants are eligible to win a Wii gaming system valued at \$300. Funds raised by the foundation support the health centre and its staff through the purchase and/or upgrading of vital equipment and systems central to its operation.

Once again the Kinmount and District Lions Club is calling for nominations for the Kinmount Lions Citizen of the Year – a person from this area whose dedicated community service has helped to make Kinmount a better place in which to live.

Please send the name of your candidate, along with a letter explaining why you feel this individual is worthy of this recognition, to the Citizen of the Year committee, Box 15, Kinmount, Ontario K0M 2A0 by August 7. Previous winners are David Loughheed, Ted Wilkes, Diane Austin, Tom Lang, Joyce Brown, Madeline Pearson, Carole Jones, Jean Anderson, Keith Stata, Lynne Kilby

and Ambrose Ferren.

Kinmount Baptist Church invites children ages 5 to 12 years to attend Starlight Rescue, a vacation Bible school program, at the church from July 27 through 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Free daily registration is at 9 a.m. and for more information please give Susan a call at 488-1419 or Dave at 324-2034.

Everyone is welcome to drop by the Kinmount Legion on Sunday and Monday July 26 and 27 between 1 and 3 p.m. for an open house as part of the sesquicentennial celebrations. Comrade Bernice Owens and others will be on hand to provide a narrative history of the Legion and its namesake John McGrath, as well as a tour of the historical displays, albums and photographs.

The much-anticipated Heritage Week kicks off this Friday with a talent night at the community centre starting at 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets from committee members or Austin Lumber are \$5 with admission, \$8 at the door.

Saturday, July 25 is Moonlight Mania throughout town from 5 to 10 p.m. complete with a fireworks display and live music by the Black Fly Boogie Band, both held over from a rainy Canada Day.

Plenty of fun activities for children are scheduled and a classic car display at the railway station is a first. Great food, in-store specials and a draw all add to the fun. If interested in booking a vendor table along Main Street give Lynne a call at 488-2919. The rain date will be August 1. Be sure to drop by the Artisans Marketplace that evening and shop tax free.

Other Heritage Week events include displays at the Model Railroad and Museum on July 25 and 26 and August 1 to 2, the United Church outdoor service on Sunday, July 26 at 9:45 a.m. in the Park Pavilion with barbecue to follow. The Gate and Garden Tour is on July 26 and 27 from 1-3 p.m. at a cost of \$5 with passport pickup at the gazebo by the station. Two film festivals with admission by donation are scheduled at the commu-



Black Fly Boogie Band perform their rain date in Kinmount on July 25 during Moonlight Mania.

nity centre on July 28 from 7-10 p.m. and July 31 from 1-4 p.m.

For the brave souls among us Guy Scott will lead his ghost tour at 8:30 p.m. on July 29 to explore Kinmount by dark. There is no charge, just meet at the gazebo ready to go (rain date is July 30).

Continuing on Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. bring your lawn chair to the pavilion and enjoy Music in the Park sponsored by the Kinmount and District Lions Club. This week's guest artist will be Washboard Hank & Co.

Come Saturday morning and it's time to visit the Farmers' Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. then shop for treasures at the Kinmount seniors yard sale by the railway station. While there drop in to the gazebo between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the art showing by local multimedia artist Brenda Mulholland which continues on Sunday.

see EMILY CREEK page 27

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Only selected applicants will be contacted.



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Career & Business Opportunities

Emily Creek Band takes the stage

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On Saturday from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. dance to the Emily Creek Band at the community centre with tickets only \$10.

On Sunday, August 2 meet local authors and genealogists at the station from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guest authors travel writer/lecturer Ron Brown and Canadian bestselling author/motivational speaker Nina Spencer will speak at the community centre. Explore the rail line by wagon or walking, take in the rubber duck race at 2 p.m. in the park with proceeds supporting the Special Olympics and finish off the week at a barbecue sponsored by the Kinmount and District Lions Club.

Thanks to all our great community volunteers who have made this happen!

Zion United Church - Carnarvon "Your Community Church"

TIME & TALENT AUCTION

Tues., August 4th, 2009
at 7:30 p.m.

A FUN EVENING

COME & ENJOY!

Zion Church - Your Community Church in Action
COFFEE / TEA & GOODIES
AFTER SUNDAY SERVICES
COME JOIN US - ALL WELCOME



Visit the Kinmount Country Market on Saturdays between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Coming Events

To advertise your
upcoming event,
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July 26th Minden IGA 11:30-2:30
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45th Annual Haliburton
**Art & Craft
Festival**
July 24, 25, 26
Fri 12-7
Sat 10-6
Sun 10-4
admission \$2
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accompanied by an adult)
115 Artists and Artisans
Head Lake Park, Haliburton Village
www.railsendgallery.com
bringing art to life in Haliburton
23 York St, Haliburton 457-2330

Family Fun Day
at Minden United Church
21 Newcastle Street, Minden
Date - Thursday, July 30th - 10am to 2pm

Activities Include:

- Antique Appraisals of portable items like clocks, china, lamps, small furniture
- Children's Activities - face painting, games, music, paint a mural
- Country Market - homemade pies, baked goods, pickles, jams, jellies
- Auction - art, woodcrafts, golf passes, baked goods
- Book Sale - new and used - lots of Harlequin romances
- Local Artisans and Local Produce
- Lunch at Irene's Kitchen - enjoy Peameal bacon on a bun, hotdogs, homemade desserts, make-your-own sundaes, hot/cold beverages, special children's drinks

Bring the whole family...have
some fun...stay for lunch!

WINTERGREEN WINTERGREEN PANCAKE BARN Raspberry Social

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, July 18 to Sunday, July 19
Saturday, July 25 to Sunday, July 26

- Wintergreen creates fresh fruit delights with real whipped cream topped with maple syrup and of course fresh raspberries
- Come on over and taste test our BBQ sauces, jams, Jellies, Mustards, fruit syrups and homemade preserves
- Join us for fresh baked raspberry pies or take one home frozen and bake it yourself. Phone to reserve 10 inch pies
- Have your cake and experience it too...crepes, French toast, pancakes, sausages, maple baked beans, angelfood cake, sundaes and banana splits, milkshakes or smoothies made with fresh raspberries

Calendar of Events available. Call at any time to purchase retail products...cash or cheque only.

Wintergreen Pancake Barn
#3325 Gelert Road in Gelert
Call 286-3202

WINTERGREEN PANCAKE BARN is offering the last night of Minden Fringe Theatre July 18th...original one act plays by local Haliburton artists (featuring Jim Blake, Fay Wilkinson and Brigitte Gall AND a musical performance by Jerelyn Craden (August 8th) dinner at 7, performances at 8 p.m. By reservation only (50 people max)...dinner and show \$30.00 per person, tickets selling out quickly (cash or cheque) the night of the performance.

Wintergreen will also feature a Customer Appreciation night August 5th at 6:00 p.m....our theme Barbados...(Bajan dinner)...come for a wonderful free meal with presentation and prizes (50 spots only...phone to reserve, 286-3202)
Also featuring...Boat Smart Exam Facility Centre at Wintergreen...by appt. only...call Paul Morin at 286-4360...deadline September 15th.

To advertise your upcoming event, call Molly at 457-1037

Coming Events

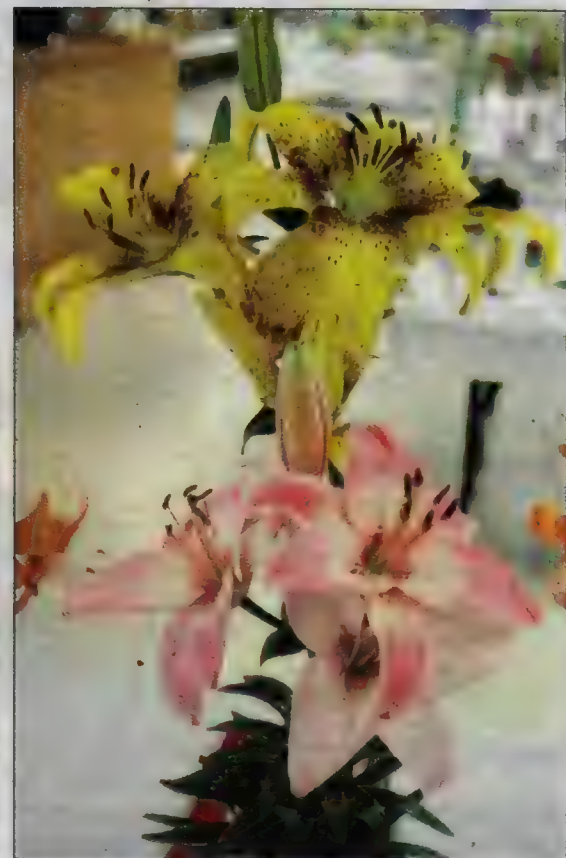


Minden & District Horticultural Society's 30th Annual Flower Show - July 24 & 25

Take a sentimental journey and visit this show at the Minden Community Centre. The theme of this show is in recognition of Minden's sesquicentennial celebrations.

Many specimens and decoratives, collections, potted plants and vegetables are featured along with photography and our juror entries.

The entrance fee is only \$5 which includes refreshments. Children 12 and under free.



community calendar

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or

to the **UR** Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

Having an event this summer? List it for free in our Summer Guide! 2009SummerGuide@gmail.com

JULY 22: STEWARDSHIP DISCOVERY DAYS - INVADERS OF A NOT SO DISTANT PLANET! Introduced wildlife, plant or animal can be devastating to natural ecosystems and it is happening in Haliburton Highlands. Join Dave Copplestone, of the Invading Species Awareness Program, to learn more. He will introduce you to invading species, prevention, impact and tell you what you can do to stop the invaders. Presented at the Haliburton Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery. The Hatchery will offer a tour of the facility to participants. Cost Adults \$15.00, children \$8.00. Space is limited. For more information call 705-286-5201 or email shopley.davidson@ontario.ca

JULY 22: KID'S CRAFTS NIGHT - Running from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. For more information contact 705-766-9968 or email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca

JULY 22: ART TALK - THE KACHELOFEN - ITS HISTORY & JOURNEY TO CANADA - Presented by the Haliburton School of the Arts - Fleming College. Unique effective and artistic, a Kachelofen is a beautiful clay heater used to heat houses. Constructed of clay tile bricks, these ovens have been warming hearts and homes for approximately 1500 years in Europe. Jessica Steinhilber presents a free workshop for anyone interested in environmentally friendly heating. 4:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Fleming College - Haliburton Campus Great Hall. For more information call 705-457-1680 or email contact@HaliburtonSchoolOfTheArts.ca

JULY 23: RELATE '09 PUBLIC FORUM - ABOUT ART TODAY - Presented by the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. A series of questions will be posed in this public forum to further investigate how people relate to art today. Curator Laurie Carmont will mediate this forum, posing the questions to a selected panel of artists and others as well as the audience. The forum will be recorded and the results published. Contact the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at 705-286-3763, email gallery@mindentimes.ca or see the website www.mindentimes.ca

JULY 23: ROTARY CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC - Hosted by the Rotary Club of Haliburton, this is the premier golfing event in The Highlands. A sold out event held at the Pinestone Resort benefits the health care and hospital facilities in Haliburton and Minden. This great day for a great cause includes a BBQ lunch, reg gift, 18 holes of golf with a shared cart, steak dinner, incentive prizes, guest speaker, silent and live auctions and lots of fun! Past sponsors include Moose FM, Molson & Pinestone. For more information contact (HHHSF) Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation at 705-457-1580, 705-286-1580, email foundation@hhhs.on.ca or visit www.hhhs.on.ca/foundation

JULY 23: CRUISE-IN WITH THE HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS TIME TRAVELLERS - Held at the Haliburton Town Docks. Come take a trip down memory lane. Some of the most exceptionally restored cars from the past. Share their stories and precious piece of the past or register your own classic car, all cars welcome 25 years or older. Starts mid June to Labour Day 6:30 p.m.-dusk.

JULY 24 - JULY 26: WOLVES & WILDERNESS WEEKEND - Presented by Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve. In late summer, wolves abandon their den site and adopt a rendezvous site to accommodate their growing pups. Join our resident wildlife biologist for a trek into the interior wilderness of Haliburton Forest to locate a wild pack, howl with the wild pack and our resident pack. You will be educated on wolf biology and behaviour while you view them in their habitat at the Wolf Centre. Price includes accommodation at Base Camp and all meals. For more information call 705-754-2198 or email haliburtonforest@sympatico.ca

JULY 24 - JULY 26: WOMEN ONLY ADVENTURE WEEKEND - Presented by Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve. This weekend will teach you valuable skills in outdoor living and challenge your inner child to a weekend of hanging out with the girls in a pristine private lakeside setting. This weekend will teach you valuable skills in outdoor living. Our professional female staff will guide you canoeing, teach you GPS use, and encourage you to push your limits on our high ropes challenge course and rock climbing wall. Learn new recipes for outdoor cooking & some valuable wilderness survival tools. Awaken your abilities in the wilderness with the support of other women sharing in this worth while experience. You will be staying at our Solar Powered facility located in the shores of Stocking Lake. Enjoy the silence of this remote location and rejuvenate yourself. Overnight weekend (Friday 3:00 p.m.-Sunday 4:00 p.m.) For more information call 705-754-2198 or email haliburtonforest@sympatico.ca

JULY 24 - JULY 25: MINDEN & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S 30th ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW - Take a Sentimental Journey and visit this show at the Minden Community Centre. The theme of this show is in recognition of Minden's sesquicentennial celebrations. Many specimens and decoratives, collections, potted plants and vegetables are featured along with photography and our juror entries. The entrance fee is only \$5.00 which includes refreshments. Children 12 and under free. For more information contact Linda Pentney 705-286-2261 or email lp1345@xplornet.com

JULY 24 - JULY 26: ANNUAL HALIBURTON ART & CRAFT SHOW - Sponsored by the Ralls End Gallery. This juried exhibition and sale features an eclectic mix of work by 115 contemporary artists working in a variety of media. Sculpture, visual art, jewelry, clay, wood, photography, leather, textiles, clothing and more. Held in Head Lake Park in Haliburton Village Friday Noon-7:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. And Sunday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Admission \$2.00 each; children are free. For more information contact Ralls End Gallery at 705-457-2330 or email info@rallsendgallery.com

JULY 24 - JULY 26: 1st ANNUAL BUTTERFLY & DRAGONFLY COUNT - Presented by Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve. This is your opportunity to become a citizen scientist working along side a number of professional naturalists. No experience necessary as there will be many experts and enthusiasts to help you catch and identify these remarkable insects. For more information contact Haliburton Forest 705-754-2198 or email haliburtonforest@sympatico.ca

JULY 25: PEDAL YOUR ARTS, TOUR du VILLAGE - Presented by Yours Outdoors. Visit the studios of Haliburton County artists while enjoying the beauty of the Highlands from your bike. 10 km cycling tour along the scenic back roads of the Haliburton Village. We'll stop to visit artist studios, watch demonstrations and explore natural and cultural features. Original works of art will be on display. A tasty lunch is provided. 1 week advanced registration please. For more information call 705-754-3436 or email info@yoursoutdoors.ca

JULY 25: ROCKSTAR ADVENTURE RACE - Presented by the Bark Lake Leadership Centre. Teams of 2 or 3 will mountain bike, canoe, and trek using map and compass to get as many checkpoints as possible in a 4 or 8 hour race! Everyone finishes, everyone is a ROCKSTAR. For more information contact Heather 286-891-9357 or visit the website www.racetherockstar.com

JULY 25: ANNUAL HOOK IN - Presented by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Enjoy fabulous examples of hooked rugs. Chat with craftswomen, purchase a gift or take in a lesson or two. The ladies love to explain and demonstrate. This event is included with regular museum admission \$2.00 adult \$1.00 child under 12. \$5.00 family allows access to all museum buildings. For more information contact Minden Hills Museum 705-286-2261 or email museum@mindentimes.ca

JULY 25: HHWN SHORT STORY NIGHT AT THE DOMINION - Local writers come together for a relaxing evening to read their own original short stories. 7:30 p.m., Dominion Hotel, downtown Minden. Come to read or just to listen. Everyone welcome; no cover, no minimum. Call Marge at 286-2592.

JULY 25: HOOK IN UNDER THE TENT - Minden Hills Museum would like to invite you to join the Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers for the 4th Annual Hook In. There will be a traditional rug hooking to view. Also instructions on traditional rug hooking refreshments. The place the Minden Cultural Centre 174 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden

JULY 25: MUSEUM BOOK SALE - Support your community Museum! The Haliburton Highlands Museum will be holding its annual fundraising book sale between 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Fact, fiction, magazines, and children's books. Stop by and browse through a variety of books for all ages and interests. Book donations are appreciated. 457-2760

JULY 25: DOLLAR DELICACIES - Community Care Haliburton County in partnership with Watercolours Condominiums is hosting Dollar Delicacies. Enjoy mouthwatering delicacies from around the world while supporting CCHC and their services. 11 am to 4 pm, while quantities last, at Watercolours Presentation Center, 152 Highland St., Haliburton

JULY 25: SUMMER SALAD SUPPER SATURDAY - Join us at the Haliburton United Church, 10 George St from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Tickets at the door, adults \$12, children 6-12 \$6, under 6 are free

JULY 26 - AUGUST 8: CAMP WANAKITA RESIDENT CAMP PERIOD C - Adventure and exploration, fun and challenge. Prices and availability vary. Advanced booking is recommended. For more information call 705-457-2132 or email info@ymca-wanakitaa.on.ca

JULY 26 - AUGUST 1: CAMP WANAKITA RESIDENT CAMP PERIOD C1 - Adventure and exploration, fun and challenge. Prices and availability vary. Advanced booking is recommended. For more information call 705-457-2132 or email info@ymca-wanakitaa.on.ca

JULY 27 - AUGUST 14: SWIMMING LESSONS - Presented by The KENNISIS Lake Cottage Owner's Association. The program features enthusiastic instructors and small classes, and are a great way for kids to improve their strokes, get comfortable swimming in the lake, learn about water safety, and meet new friends. Lessons are Monday to Friday, and students must complete any two weeks to be eligible for a badge. The cost of lessons is \$30/week for KLCOA members and \$45/week for non-members. For more information or for registration, please contact Stephanie Clark 705-754-4542 or email seklark@gmail.com

JULY 27 - JULY 31: SUMMER ADVENTURE DAY CAMP - Are you looking for something fun and exciting to do this summer? Well look no further, Point in Time of Haliburton County is offering its eighth annual Summer Adventure Day Camp for children aged 6-11 in Wilberforce! At thirty dollars a week, this day camp promises to be filled with crafts, sports, music, games, drama, beach fun and swimming! Registration forms can be picked up at Point in Time, 39 Eastern Ave., or at www.pointintime.ca. Spaces are limited. For more information call Dawn Mole or Heather Lublow at 705-457-5345.

JULY 27 - JULY 31: YOUTH ADVENTURE DAY CAMP II (Ages 10-14) - Presented by Haliburton Forest, Wildlife Reserve. Youth Adventure Day Camp II is available to youth that have a level of comfort in the outdoors. This camp will involve one overnight camping experience on the Thursday of the week. Participants will have an opportunity to understand safe and low-impact camping as well as some of the necessary skills involved in camping in a wilderness environment. Activities include: canoeing, kayaking, swimming, wilderness travel, camp craft skills, animal tracking, wolf studies, rock climbing and participation on the high ropes challenge course. Daily includes one camping overnight. For more information call 705-754-2198 or email haliburtonforest@sympatico.ca

JULY 27 - JULY 31: JUNIOR NATURALISTS CAMP (Ages 7-10) - Sponsored by Rotary Club of Minden. A fun place to be naturally. Register your children and grandchildren and these young nature enthusiasts will experience the natural world through educational activities, games, crafts and explorations. Topics include rocks, insects, birds, spiders, and bears. Takes place at Minden Museum. For more information contact Irene 705-286-3181 or email irene@glenside-eco.ca

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender

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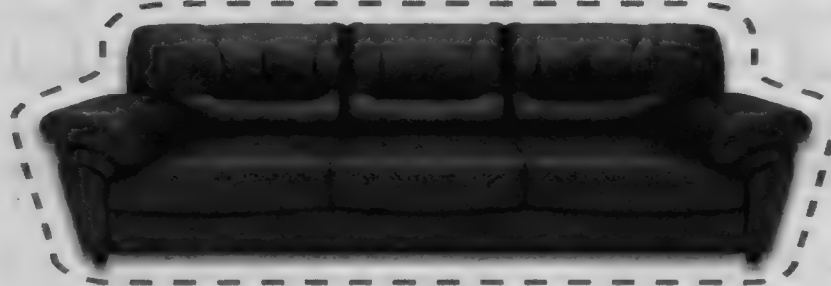
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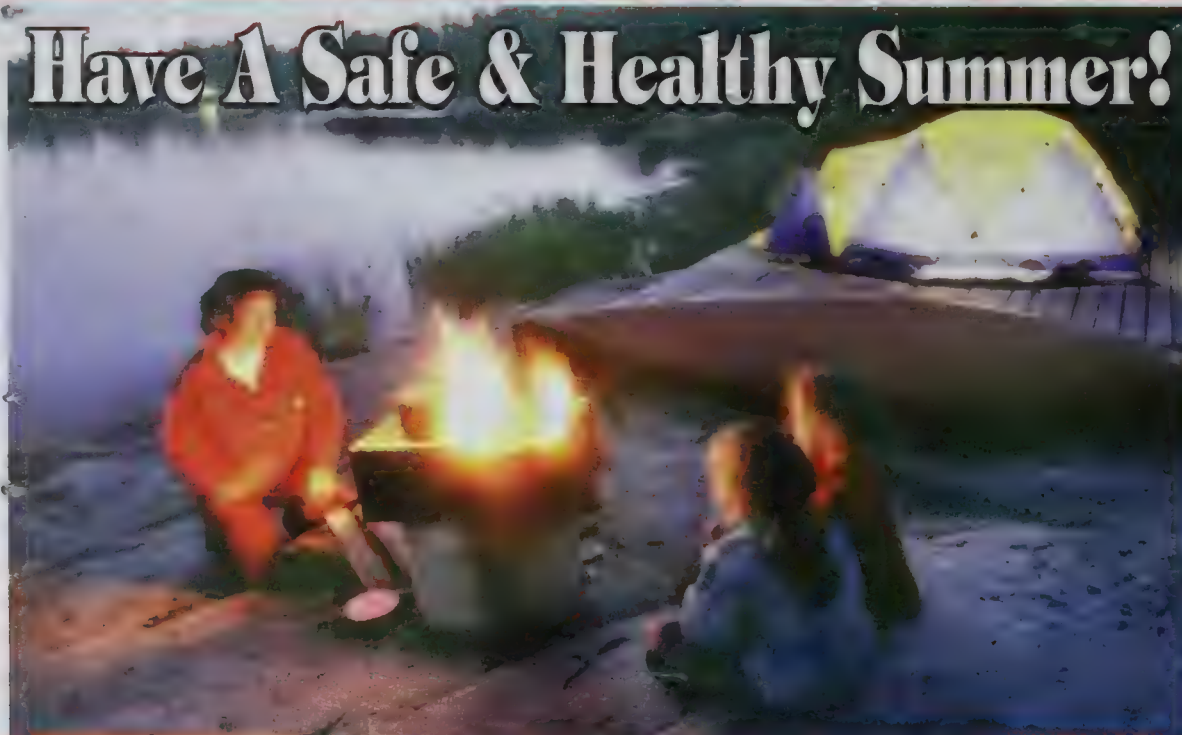
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The upgrade to an alto recorder changed all that. "Suddenly I'm hearing harmonies and I thought, 'Oh, this is so cool.' It just clicked for me."

Next week, the Haliburton resident is hosting the inaugural Highlands Brass Academy at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden. He's bringing together a group of his friends, talented musicians and teachers all, to help other brass players enhance their skills.

"It's an educational opportunity for brass musicians to spend time working on their brass-playing skills and to enjoy playing music with other brass enthusiasts," he says.

The program, which runs from July 27 to 31, includes large and small ensemble rehearsals, instrument sessions with the teaching staff and master classes on a variety of subjects. At the end of the week, the students will share their improved playing techniques with the audience at a public concert on Friday, July 31 in Head Lake Park – just before Midnight Madness takes over Haliburton's main street.



It's nice to be able to play where you live. Local tuba player Dan Manley is hosting the Highlands Brass Academy next week and will be one of the instructors at the week-long program.

Although Manley got his musical start on the recorder, in high school he switched to the tuba. His decision was partly prompted by the dearth of teenaged tuba players. "There was a line-up up for flutes, drums and saxes but no one played tuba," he laughs. But he also had the lung capacity to get a big sound out of the big instrument and was strong enough to lug the large instrument home to practice.

After high school he enrolled in the music program at Ottawa University but later switched to computers, still playing his tuba. Three years ago – just before he moved to Haliburton, where he works from home as a computer programmer – he decided he wanted to get more sound for all of his effort and bought a full-size C tuba. The bigger sound it produces is perfect for playing with larger orchestras.

Although Haliburton is well known for its visual arts, Manley thinks music has some catching up to do. He's a member of the Highlands Wind Symphony here but also plays with Toronto's oldest community band, Orchestra Toronto, as well as Brass Conspiracy, which tries to come up to Haliburton twice a year for performances.

Manley is also host of 100.9 Canoe FM's classical music program, The Concert Hall, on Sunday nights at six.

When it comes to his own musical tastes, Manley says he rarely concerns himself with words. It's the harmonies and textures – and mathematics – he loves. "I'd go into severe withdrawal if I didn't have music around. I just love having music around me – the whole sensory experience."

There are still a few spots left for the Highlands Brass Academy. For details, and to read profiles of the instructors, go to <http://highlandsbrass.org>. Email Manley at info@highlandsbrass.org.

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A Brush With the Highlands celebrates *plein air* painting

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The Brush with the Highlands Plein-Air Painting Festival and Show & Sale takes place August 1 to 3.

The festival is a celebration of the Highlands East extraordinary and diverse geography as seen through the eyes of close to 40 of the finest plein air painters from all over Ontario, including some of Canada's finest.

The three-day juried festival will feature these painters in 15 inspirational sites - capturing the beauty of the Haliburton Highlands on canvas.

Lee-Ann Martin, curator of Contemporary Canadian Aboriginal Art at the Canadian Museum of Civilization Corporation, is this year's guest juror.

Following the two days of painting, on Monday, August 3 the participating artists will show a collection of their works and have them available for purchase at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.). This will be a wonderful opportunity for art lovers and collectors to meet the artists, see their works, and make a purchase.

There's a brochure with a map and description of the 15 sites.

Plein air or outdoor painting dates

from the 19th century, when Englishman John Constable and the French Barbizon painters rejected traditional artistic formulas and sought to depict everyday subjects in natural settings.

For more information contact: Tracey Lee Green at (705) 448-9785 or abrush-withthehighlands@gmail.com

Participating Artists thus far:

- Audrey & Alan Bain, Ingleside
- William Bard, Georgetown
- Fawzon Barrage, Mississauga
- Francois Brazeau Ferguson, Ottawa
- Gary Chapman, Minden
- Pat Clarke, Wilberforce
- Pat Currie, Highlands East
- John Duffield, Scarborough
- Jean Finlayson, Madoc
- Judy Galbraith, Priceville
- Tracey Green, Highlands East
- Priscilla Lakatos, Alliston
- Barb Laplante, North York
- Chuck Lewis, Gooderham
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- Joe Rich, Toronto
- Chantal-Andree Samson, Toronto
- Connie Scott, Ridgeway
- David Sharpe, Toronto
- Jodi Shuster, Toronto
- Maija Stone, Highlands East
- Josephine Tessier, Ottawa
- Poul Thrane, Belleville
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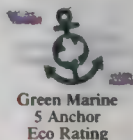
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Butterflies Are Free

Written by Leonard Gershe
Directed by Tricia Lackey
Starring Will Lamond, Jocelyn Regina, Lesley English and Logan Brown
Highlands Summer Theatre

It can't be comfortable standing in front of an audience of more than 200 people in just your underwear (droopy '60s fashion underwear at that), but if it bothered actors Jocelyn Regina and Will Lamond, you wouldn't know it.

The lovers in the romantic comedy, *Butterflies Are Free*, playing at the Northern Lights Pavilion this week, are remarkably skilled at capturing the essence of the rebellious decade, from its open sexuality to its disdain for authority to its silly vocabulary.

Regina and Lamond play Jill Tanner and Don Baker – an unlikely pair – who meet each other via a shared door between their trashy New York apartments in the play written by Leonard Gershe. While Jill is a flighty, happy-go-lucky teenager who can't commit to anything, Don is an uptight blind man from Scarsdale trying to break free of his overbearing mother, played by Lesley English.

The storyline is relatively simple and predictable; Jill teaches Don that he can be independent from his mother, and Don teaches Jill that being blind doesn't mean being boring or stupid and that, in fact, it is possible to commit to just one person for love.

What is special about the play is the smoothness of dialogue, the believability of character and the punchy clever dialogue. On its opening night the crowd was roaring with laughter about every minute or so at the one-liners poking fun at everything from disabilities to promiscuity.

In the second act with the addition of English's bang-on characterization of the pretentious, overly protective mother, Mrs. Baker, the situation becomes more complex as her character tries to get Don to move back to Scarsdale.

The dilemma for Don, as the protagonist, is amplified when Jill returns from an acting audition on the arm of the director played by Logan Brown.

It is at this point in the play, however, that momentum seems to be lost – as though the addition of too much conflict makes the actors scramble for a happy ending. On opening night, some lines

were obviously dropped or modified in the second act and the emotions of Don Baker seem forced. The very last scene, of Jill's return to Don is also rushed and awkward, as though the playwright just needed a quick resolution to something that had gone on too long.

Where the script fails the actors definitely pick up the slack. Will Lamond plays blind convincingly, moving around the room using touch, cocking his head toward sounds, and his brief musical scenes reveal a strong, beautiful voice.

Regina is hilarious as Jill Tanner and almost eclipsed Lamond with the presence of her character.

Set design and props were outstanding, not only to create a '60s feel, but to create a realism to the apartment with running water, a working fridge and furniture that will remind everyone of their first apartment away from home.

Taken as a whole, any downfalls in the production pale to the exuberance, life and humour of *Butterflies Are Free*. It is well worth seeing.

Butterflies Are Free runs in the Northern Lights Pavilion July 22, 23 and 24. For tickets call 457-9933 or email tickets@highlandsummerfestival.on.ca.



As the free-spirited Jill Tanner, Haliburton actress Jocelyn Regina brightens the stage with her energy and passion, almost eclipsing the other characters.



After a hilarious first act, filled with laugh-a-minute one-liners, things get a bit more serious in act two, when Mrs. Baker arrives to try to convince her son to move home. Lesley English, far left, channels Mrs. Baker's disdain with looks that would kill her son – if he wasn't blind. In this scene, Jocelyn Regina's character introduces the slimy director she wants to impress (Logan Brown) to Will Lamond's Don Baker.

The Forest Festival - August 20-23

This season's Forest Festival has grown out of the Patria performances by legendary composer R. Murray Schafer. The Forest Festival offers a rich mixture of the performing arts within the incomparable wilderness beauty of Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, Canada's first certified sustainable forest, meeting the very stringent standards of an international, NGO, the Forest Stewardship Council. The 60,000 acres of rolling hardwood forests, pristine lakes, meandering rivers and extensive wetlands make Haliburton Forest a nature enthusiast's dream and home to the incomparable Walk in the Clouds and Wolf Center.

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Six exciting performances will be offered by some of Canada's premiere concert musicians. Our outstanding lineup includes; Words & Music performances by the acclaimed roots/blues band Porkbelly Futures and their leader, Paul Quarrington and a performance by the extraordinary violinist/fiddler Anne Lindsay who will be joined by her long time collaborator and guitar wizard Jason Fowler. Ms. Lindsay will also perform her new one woman show in matinee. Back by popular demand, the all-star Forest Festival Brass, led by former Canadian Brass trumpeter Stuart Laughton, will play two evening concerts at the amphitheatre and will dazzle the audience with their performances, presented in a natural environment unrivalled in its natural and acoustic appeal.

Paul Quarrington is a musician, acclaimed non-fiction writer and novelist, and an award-winning screenwriter and filmmaker. He won the Stephen Leacock Medal for King Leary, a title that also won the 2008 CBC Canada Reads competition.

Porkbelly Futures describe their music as

"north country, born of the blues." Their new, recently released self-titled CD, like its predecessor, showcases their remarkable musician-ship and songwriting talents.

Anne Lindsay has established herself as one of the most engaging and versatile instrumentalists in Canada and has performed with some of Canada's top musical acts: Blue Rodeo, Jim Cuddy and John McDermott. Her unique violin/fiddle style is appropriately complemented by Jason Fowler, one of the country's most gifted, award winning guitarists.

Stuart Laughton, the leader of the very popular Forest Festival Brass, began his musical career as a trumpeter. He was a founding member of The Canadian Brass at age 19 and continues as a recitalist throughout North America and as a concerto soloist with Canada's major orchestras.

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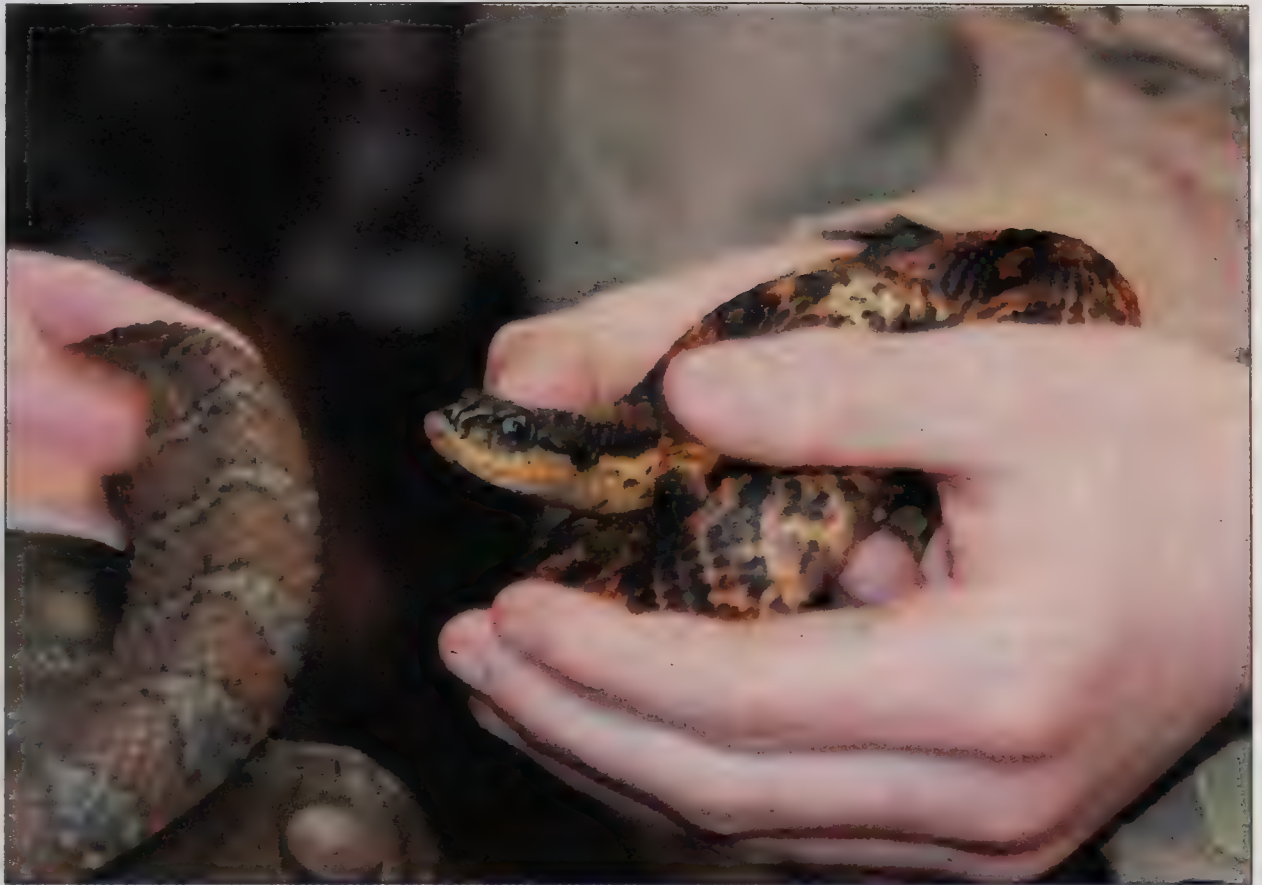
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His presentation is part of the 2009 Discovery Days series presented by the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council in partnership with Out to Learn.

On Wednesday, July 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Haliburton Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery, Copplestone will introduce participants to several of Ontario's invasive species. He will also discuss both the biological and socio-economic impacts these unwanted species can have.

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Space is limited to 30 people for each Discovery Day, so to register for please contact Laurie Smith at 705-286-1521. The cost is adults \$15, children \$8 and \$30 for families of four.

Also look-out for Wildlife CSI! on Wednesday, August 5.

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Haliburton's Annual Juried Art & Craft Festival features over 100 established artists and artisans. You will find jewellery, fine and funky, wood sculpture for home and garden, metalwork, painting and drawing, photography, printmaking, leather, clay, hot and stained glass, fashion and fibre in Head Lake Park. Make the Haliburton Art & Craft Festival part of your creative summer experience! You will find a complete list of participating artists, artist demonstrations and daily events. Visit www.railsendgallery.com Catch you at the Haliburton Art & Craft Festival!

Hours:

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Welcome!

Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre is extremely proud to present the 45th Annual Haliburton Art & Craft Festival on the fourth weekend in July. The weekend is a rare opportunity to view and appreciate the creative talents of many exceptional traditional and contemporary artists and artisans up close, in person! Please be sure to visit the Gallery, located in our historic railway station, while you are at the Festival and take in the group exhibitions that are on display. Without question, you will be amazed at the diversity and creativity of the artists gathered here in Haliburton Village this year.

This event is run by Gallery Volunteers in support of year round public arts programming at the Rails End, a registered Canadian charity. And so, a big THANK YOU goes out to everyone - shoppers, browsers, artists, partners, volunteers and friends of the arts for helping the Rails End bring art to life in Haliburton year after year. We could not do it without you!

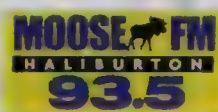
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Meet the makers at Haliburton Art & Craft Festival on the fourth weekend in July

The 45th Annual Haliburton Art & Craft Festival is a three-day outdoor event in Haliburton Village's beautiful Head Lake Park. Presented by Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre, this juried Art & Craft Festival is one of the best of its kind and a premier event for Haliburton County. Jewelry, from fine to funky, hot glass, stained glass, fibre and fashion, leather, clay, painting and drawing, printmaking, photography, sculpture for home or garden and metalwork. You will find it in July 24, 25, 26 in Haliburton!

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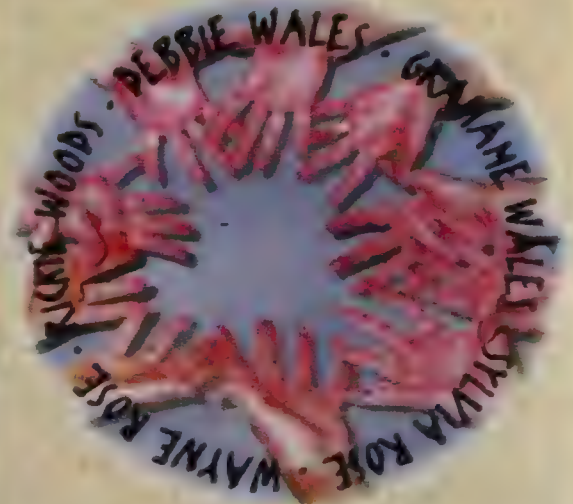


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Time to preserve

Recipes from Franka Andriano

One of the pleasures of summer is the abundance of fresh fruit and an opportunity to preserve some of that freshness for the winter.

I have loved preserving since I taught myself about 15 years ago. After a few accidents, I've learned

- never put hot jars on cold surfaces; they break

- use the right tongs to take the hot jars out of the water; they fall

- make sure to leave enough room in the jar for the fruit to breathe; the lids pop.

There is nothing more satisfying than seeing a row of newly preserved jars of fruit ready to feed your family or friends.

So take the plunge into the preserving world. Great for a rainy afternoon.

Peach Raspberry Jam

3 1/2 cups chopped peeled peaches
To peel peaches easily, submerge into hot boiled water for 20-30 seconds, and then immediately plunge into cold water, the skin should fall off easily
2 cups raspberries

1/4 cup lemon juice
7 cups sugar
2 pouches liquid pectin

In a heavy bottom pot, mix together peaches, raspberries, and lemon juice.

Stir in sugar; bring to full boil over high heat, stirring constantly. Boil hard for one minute.

Remove from heat; immediately stir in pectin. Skim off any foam. Stir for 5 minutes.

This prevents fruit from floating.

Ladle into sterilized jars to within quarter inch of rim; wipe rims of any fruit. Apply prepared lids and rings; tighten rings just until fingertip tight. Don't over tighten.

Process jars in boiling water for five minutes. Make sure all jars are completely submerged and not too tightly wedged in.

Remove and let rest at room temperature until set. Place on towels on counter.

Check that all seals have sealed. You will hear a popping sound to indicate this has happened.

Lids should be hard to remove.

If not sealed properly, reboil or keep

in fridge and use within a month.

To sterilize jars, put in dishwasher or in a low 200° oven.

Lids should be boiled in water for five minutes.

Blueberry No Cook Jam

2 cups chopped peeled peaches, four to six peaches

1 cup crushed blueberries

1/4 cup lemon juice

5 cups sugar

3/4 cup water

1 package Certo pectin crystals

In large bowl, mix together peaches, blueberries and lemon juice. Stir in sugar, let stand for 10 minutes.

In small saucepan, whisk together water and pectin. Bring to boil over high heat; boil for one minute. Whisking constantly. Remove from heat.

Stir prepared pectin into fruit mixture. Stir for three minutes or until most of sugar is dissolved.

Pour into jars or plastic freezer containers to within quarter-inch of rim to allow for expansion wipe rims.

Cover with tight lids. Let rest at room temperature set; may take 24 hours.

Refrigerate for up to three weeks or freeze.

Tip: When is the jam set? After stirring for the full minute, let the jam drop off the spoon. If the two sides run together and drip slowly, it should be set. This is called the sheeting method. You will know with practice.

Another way to know is to place a candy or digital thermometer in the jam. Setting point is usually 220°.

Another method is to place a teaspoon of jam on a chilled plate and place it in freezer for a minute or two, until cooled to room temperature. If you gently push it with your finger or a fork, it will wrinkle if it's ready.

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What do you think about art?

By Laurie Carmount • Curator Agnes Jamieson Gallery

Everyone has an opinion about art. Even if you don't generally look at visual art or visit galleries, everyone has an opinion about it. Lately I've had many conversations about art filled with strong opinion, turning into lengthy and quite interesting discussions.

I've heard enough now to feel it's time to bring these opinions into the forefront for discussion. It's time for people to give their opinion on art today. Why? Why do we, at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, want to hear from you? Because society has an vested interest in the arts through taxes in the education system and public institutions. There is a connection between the two and from where we stand we feel the connection could become strained. We've seen multiple cuts from the federal government in art funding. We've seen art teachers taken out of the public school system. Why the big concern?

Art is our culture and it is an important aspect of what defines us as humans. If it wanders off into the night and becomes lost in the far left field of life where will this leave us?

There is a very telling statistic gathered by the Ontario Association of Art Galleries about people attending public galleries in Canada – less than 10 per cent attend but over 74 per cent feel galleries are important. This statistic has been rolling around in my head for years. And I'm concerned about the 74 per cent dropping over the years as a gap grows between people and visual arts. European gallery attendance is significantly higher than Canada's. Art is much more a part of their everyday life and has been for centuries. It's now a major industry and governments strongly support it.

Canadian art derives from European culture and was gaining great momentum when it branched into its own in the early 1900s. A real sense of "Canadianism" was being created as many artists were developing a style of our own. Things steamed along in the western world of art until two things happened: first the invention of photography and then, many years later, an exhibition by Andy Warhol.

Early Canadian artwork was linked with the exploration of the country via the development of the railroad. It was always a form of aesthetics but also a very

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Shelley Beach has a series of paintings on display at Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Patrons are invited to put their thoughts about it on a Post-It note. There's also a public forum about society's relationship with art on July 23.

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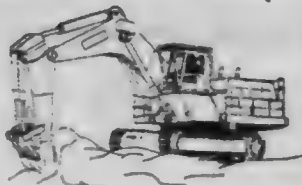
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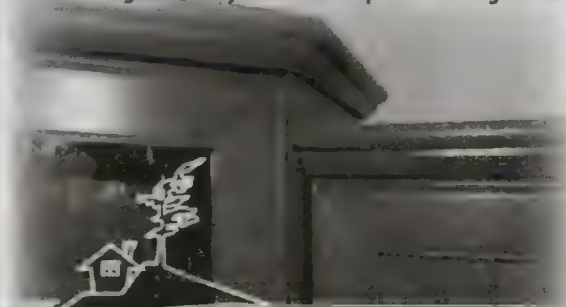


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We need to feel connected to art

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important way of documentation. It had purpose – not to say visual art doesn't have purpose today but it has changed so much that there's a major gap.

The gap I speak of is a relationship between visual arts and people outside of the arts community. This gap, I believe, started in the 1960s when New York artist Andy Warhol was working with elements of graphic design and visual arts. He displayed hundreds of Brillo boxes made of wood and screen printing. There was no difference between those he made and those in a store. The exhibition was received with vocal mixed reviews. Art critics were flabbergasted, throwing up their hands and saying "art is dead, the narration has ended" and that now it would seem "anything goes."

It took an artist with an idea and, more importantly, it took someone on the gallery side, probably the director (and probably not an artist) to agree to exhibit Warhol's work. It's this decision which is the key to where we are today because if a public institution is exhibiting art, well then it must be art – right?

Following this trail of history makes me think of the *Emperor's New Clothes*, the great classic children's story where the two salesmen trick the emperor into believing he was wearing the finest of clothes when, in fact, he was dressed in his underpants. My talks at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery with a variety of people, most of whom were not artists, keep coming back to this feeling of deception. If people within a position of authority decide to display something as one thing when it looks to be another it is going to cause confusion. The art community may have understood why this was happening but most everyone else did not and here the split occurred.

What did the art community, the artist and the director of the gallery understand that others didn't? It goes back to photography and European influence. What we consider to be traditional art, that which is done purely for aesthetic reasons, was dictated by the lead-

ing schools of art in European. The fundamentals of drawing were drilled into students who would repetitiously sketch the same thing over and over until their eye was trained to capture an exact likeness of whatever they were drawing or painting. Skill was honoured and revered.

Photography exiled this skill. With a click you had an exact image of anything. It answered the need for documentation and allowed anyone to immediately put reality on every wall. Why would an artist want to do what something else could do better and quicker?

Add to this the major world upheavals. World wars and mass destruction were causing an uprising of rebellion and outcry. Artists rebelled against the rigidity of academy training and began to experiment without rules. Currently the Art Gallery of Ontario has an excellent exhibition showing this break with leading artists in the academic, traditional sense on one wall and across the room those who were striving to assert a new way of painting. This new rebellious group were the French Impressionists who I think most people feel created some of the most stunning and remarkable paintings; at the time most people thought their work was unacceptable. Eventually this all leads to the Pop Art era and Andy Warhol.

If any field within our society was given the ability to do anything it wanted what would the result be? Even within the entire spectrum of the arts, skill and fundamental training – and a considerable amount of practice – are required to become good at it. A musician learns beat and rhythm, a writer learns spelling and grammar. We cannot read *hjdsoi nbjksf huw jke* and hope to understand it. We cannot relate to it and therefore we dismiss it. Some would say viewing art today is like trying to read the series of jumble letters I put together above. And if public art galleries exhibit such work and people do not understand and therefore cannot relate to it, it creates a sense of alienation and, worse, makes people feel stupid because if a public institution exhibits it and condones it as "art" they feel inferior. The vicious circle goes on and on and funding

goes down causing art groups to struggle and argue over and over about why they are important. Are they not cutting off the nose to spite the face?

Now introduce commercialism and a society based on mass consumption with over-stimulus. Can a throw-away society cherish and revere? Can it appreciate anything? Has traditional become blasé? Can we have success without trend? Will this not be detrimental to our culture?

What is the solution to this? I am not suggesting artists today and art institutions are completely off base. What I am saying it there has to be a relationship between society overall and visual arts because if there is not interaction then there is no relevance. Is it the role of the public gallery to bridge this gap? Is it possible to create enough tools and information about the inner thinking of one's mind to communicate enough for one to relate?

These are hard questions. If the majority of people do not understand why something is where it is, most likely it will disappear. We are at a place in time where people are starting to question our path. Art stands on this road. At least this is my opinion – what's yours?

You can give your thoughts about this at a public forum at the Minden council chamber at 7 Milne Street on Thursday, July 23 at 6 p.m. The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is hosting this forum to discuss art today and how people relate to it. A panel will lead the discussion with audience participation. The panel will consist of the three artists, from the exhibition *Relate'09* at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery for the months of July and August, as well as three non-artists Adele Espina, Steve Galea and hopefully Stella Voisin. An audio recording of the evening will be made from which an exhibition catalogue will be produced. If you cannot attend this or the exhibition you can go the gallery's blog generalpeopleandarttoday.blogspot.com or email me at gallery@minderhills.ca with your input.

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What is art?

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder and Galea and Watt are beholden to Parsimonious Perkins

• Awkward Moments •
Column by Jenn Watt
Photos by Matt James

"Mirror, mirror, in my hand, who art the fairest in the Highlands?" *Cottage Times* editor Martha Perkins chanted from her plush lake-view office, staring menacingly into her powder compact mirror.

I stared listlessly out over the lake, soaking up a bit of sun before columnist Steve Galea and I were sent back into the basement broom closet for the rest of the afternoon.

A bottle of eyeliner flew across the room, clocking me in the head and waking me out of my daydreams.

"Oh, yes ... Why Martha, thou art the fairest in the Highlands!" I exclaimed in my grandest voice.

"Oh, mirror, you are too kind," Parsimonious Perkins cooed.

"If only my beauty could be captured for millennia, so as not to waste this perfect face," she sighed.

I sighed too, realizing my three-minute break was over and that Galea and I had to return to the closet to write by candlelight.



Steve Galea and Jenn Watt attempt to draw Parsimonious Perkins in a flattering light in Ruth Read's Drawing for Dummies course at the Haliburton School of the Arts. Watt imagines a Da Vinci while Galea regresses to duck drawings.

"Come on, Steve," I said, stuffing my mini co-worker into my pants pocket.

(It's not as bad as it seems; it saves Steve a lot of exertion if I carry him around. What is 20 steps for you and I is certainly more than 2,000 for Steve and his tiny legs.)

"Where do you think you're going?" Perkins boomed from her chaise longue. "Your assignment this week is to capture my beauty in a timeless piece of art. I must share my grace with the world!"

After a few attempts of painting Perkins's pasty complexion in acrylic with Picasso-like precision, Steve and I were told we weren't yet up to the task.

"Enough!" Perkins declared. "Go to Fleming College and sign up for some arts courses immediately! There's a good one - Drawing for Dummies with Ruth Read. Take that course and in the end ..."

"We can draw dummies?" Steve asked.

"No! You will be able to draw, you dummies!" she shouted. "Now get out!"

And that's how we found ourselves begging at the door of Read's classroom in Haliburton high school, groveling on hands and knees to be admitted, long after registration for the class was over.

"Please, ma'am, take pity. We must learn to draw our boss in a flattering light or she'll have us killed or worse!" Steve squeaked, clutching at Read's pant leg.

She took mercy and let us in for the day where we sweated and slaved over drawings of fish and ducks until we were up to calibre to paint our dark overlord.

"Now picture Martha in your minds and try your best to capture the essence of her face," Read said.

After three tries and nothing more than a dark swirl of pencil scratches, I changed my tactic and imagined a beautiful Da Vinci portrait.

Galea, on the other hand, kept drawing a duck over and over.

"Steve, quit drawing ducks and focus! We don't have all day and Perkins will be furious!"

"This is Perkins," he smiled. "Because she's quackers!" he giggled and drew another duck silhouette.

"She's the most fowl boss," he laughed, adding wings.

"She doesn't give a duck!" he squealed.

And then he started to cry.

"Jenn, I can't do it! I just can't draw Perkins. The minute I start to visualize her pointy ears and sharp fangs I regress to my childhood fascination with ducks. What are we going to do?" he said.

"You know, not all art is drawings and paintings," Read said. "Maybe you should go to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden and talk to the staff there about what art is or isn't. They're running a panel discussion about that very topic next week."

At the gallery, which is part of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, we met centre director Daniela



In one of their first attempts at being performance artists, Steve Galea and Jenn Watt perform the piece "Slacking Off" at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Gallery patrons are not amused. "This isn't art," they say. But what is?

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"Not art," the crowd decrees

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Pagliaro, who volunteered to help us learn about art.

"Art can be anything – a found object, an installation, a dance, a performance," Pagliaro said.

"Just look at this exhibit. Every one of these sticky notes on the wall represents what one visitor to the gallery thought about the art on these walls. It's a subjective experience and not one that can be easily defined. Perhaps you'd like to try something different, say, performance art," she said.

She arranged platforms for us to use and invited gallery visitors to rate our work.

"To start, why don't you just perform what you know?" Pagliaro suggested.

That was the easiest task.

We lifted Galea onto a pedestal and then he and I did what we do best: slacked off.

"Not art!" "Not art!" "Not art!" the growing crowd started to chant.

"Okay, well what about this?" Galea said and laid down in his best impression of Henri Matisse's *Odalisque* painting.

"Not art!" gallery visitor Ross Anderson said. He even got a sticky note of his own to correctly label the piece.

"Alright, what if we mimic something that is art? Would that make it art?" I asked.

"It depends – would it be a commentary on the state of art today through a postmodernist lens or would it be simply a feeble attempt to suck up to Martha?" Galea asked.

"The latter," I said.

"Then it's art," he exclaimed.

Posed behind a statue by Steve Hudack, I held my body with the strength and agility of a ballet dancer, toe pointed,

body in still concentration.

"It's art!" "It's art!" "It's art!" the crowd cheered.

We got back to the office with smiles on our faces, berets on our heads and a sense of *je ne sais quoi* that embodies the aura of artists.

"Where's my portrait?" Parsimonious Perkins demanded.

From confident to cornered, Galea went from an artist to a servant in a matter of seconds. He held out a shaking piece of paper with a duck on it.

"It's gorgeous!" Martha declared. "A perfect likeness of me!"

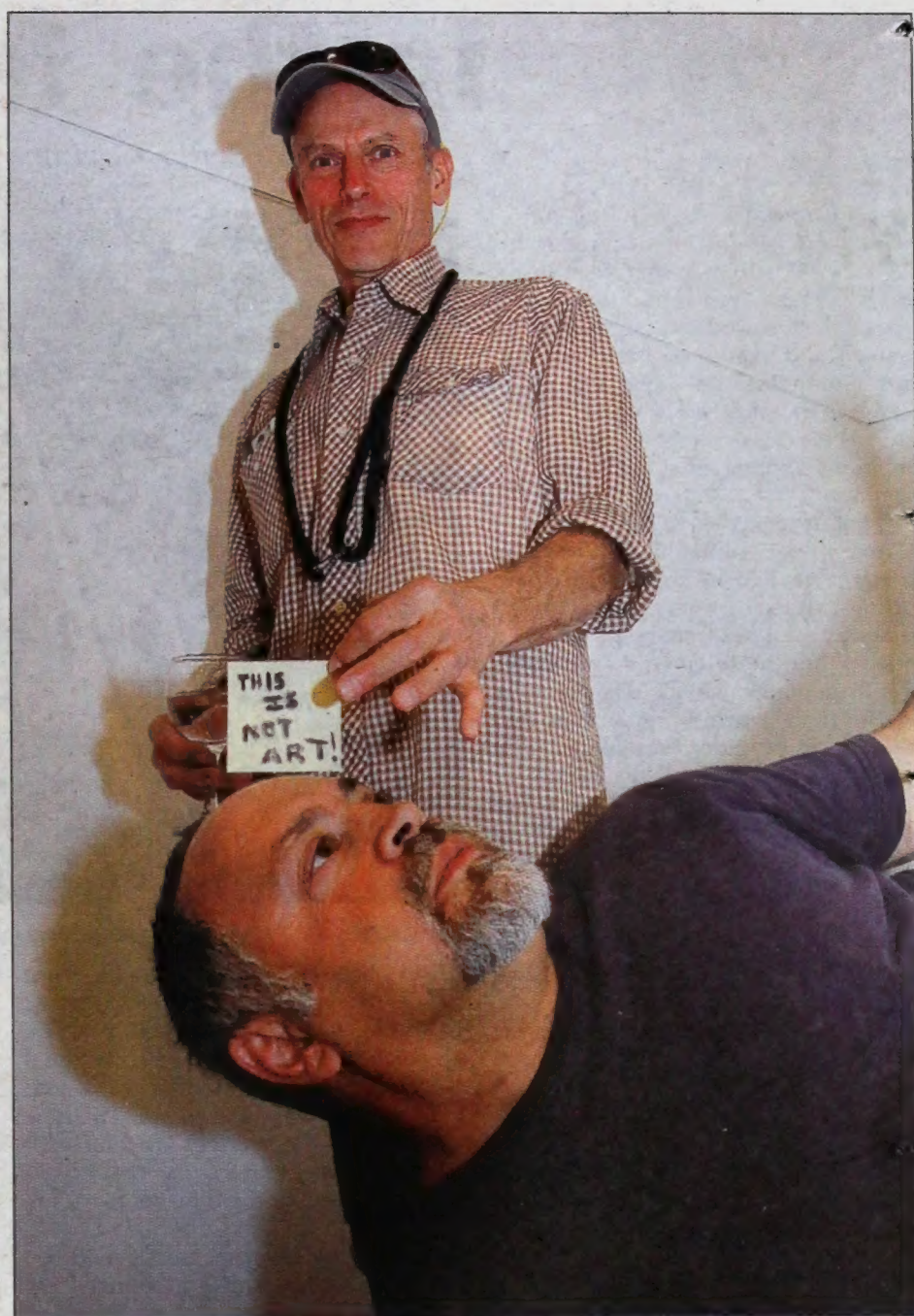
We realized in that moment Perkins had been binge eating throat lozenges again and wasn't seeing clearly.

Happy for small blessings, Galea and I went back to our broom closet for the rest of the day.

If you want to see some real art, Haliburton's Rails End Gallery is hosting the annual Art and Craft Festival again this weekend at Head Lake Park July 24 to 26. There you can view and purchase art from more than 100 creative types.

The panel discussion on what is art is on July 23 at 6 p.m. at the Minden court house. (See pages 12 and 13 for story.) Parsimonious ... er ... Martha Perkins of the *Minden Times* and *Haliburton Echo* will be moderating the discussion with artists and the general public, including our own Steve Galea.

While you're there, contribute to the innovative new exhibit, *Relate 09*, running until August 29. It is the goal of this exhibition to document the relationship between the observer and each artist's work through discussion, debate and dialogue. Through various methods of interaction the hope is that the public will gain a better understanding of art, artists and their relationship with observers today.



You call this art? Galea's imitation of Matisse's *Odalisque* is labelled "not art" by Ross Anderson.



Inspired by a sculpture by Steve Hudak at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Watt strikes a very artistic pose, much to the appreciation of gallery patrons. She deserves a happy Post-It for finally making it as a creative artist.

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In the tall grass

Walking Softly • Column and photo by Steve Galea

Yesterday, early in the day, I watched the big doe, red in her sleek summer coat, feed in the windswept tall grass. Head down, for a second or two, and then up again, she chewed and examined her surroundings. Finally, she lay down and disappeared in the summer's growth.

It was the classic "now you see it, now you don't scenario" that nature so often provides.

Still, it never ceases to amaze me how relatively open habitat like this can conceal so much. I've seen coyotes, fox, wild turkeys, ducks, grouse, groundhogs, geese, hares, hawks, snakes, deer, bear, rodents, and more emerge and disappear from places like this. They're there for the food, warmth, and cover that these places provide. They often centre their whole lives around such places.

The tall grass also holds insects, fruits, herbs and a wealth of mysteries. And yet many of us pass right through considering these places to be boring, man-made or unnatural. Sit still in a meadow for 15 minutes or so, however, and you will see that this lack of appreciation is very misguided.

In that quiet time, the place will come to life again. You'll hear rodents, see various beetles, dragonflies, insects and songbirds. You'll notice that strawberries and tiny delicate wildflowers thrive protected and hidden by the taller stems. And then you'll realize that a whole ecosystem thrives here, often right under our noses, and completely unnoticed.

A meadow is a magnet for wildlife. Open to the sun and rain, it is essentially nature's farm. There is diversity here encouraged by the good forage and cover. Many conservation projects are



Tall grasses in abandoned meadows conceal unnoticed ecosystems that thrive and are full of life.

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Without our clearing, mostly made by the early settlers and lumbermen, this landscape would be one unchecked forest and there would be far less diversity. And let's not forget the history that lies undiscovered in these places too. Walk

through any overgrown meadow and you are sure to see signs of a stone fence, perhaps an old foundation or two, and surely an abandoned farm implement, rusted, overgrown with grasses, and sitting quietly as a sentinel over the land it once helped clear. These things should be approached with the reverence afforded to a tombstone for they represent the life's work, hopes, and joys of good people who tried to carve a better life out of an inhospitable landscape.

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